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UP: Last phase of polling today

Voting for the seventh and final phase of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly election will be held on Monday

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2022 DECIDE

54 constituencies

613 candidates
2.05 crore voters

NINE DISTRICTS

- Varanasi
- Mau
- Jaunpur
- Chandauli
- Azamgarh
- Ghazipur
- Mirzapur
- Bhadohi
- Sonbhadra

EYES ON VARANASI

The main focus will be on Varanasi, where PM Narendra Modi camped for 29 hours to boost the party's prospects amid reports that popular sentiment is changing in this BJP bastion | P8

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Ukraine could cease to exist, warns Putin

Russian President said Ukraine could cease to exist as a state if its leaders "continue to do what they are doing". Ukraine's leader made a desperate plea to US lawmakers to help get more warplanes to his military

1.5 million

have fled Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion, with over half going to Poland, according to the UN refugee agency. Ukraine is the fastest-growing refugee crisis since World War II, the world body said

Black market fears in Russia as sanctions bite

Russian shops are told to limit sales of essential items to counter black market speculation as sanctions bite. Meanwhile, over 1,000 people were detained across Russia on Sunday for protesting the attack on Ukraine

8 rockets

Eight Russian rockets destroyed a civilian airport in Vinnytsia in central Ukraine, Ukrainian president claimed. According to reports, at least three civilians, including two children, were killed by mortar fire near Kyiv

Bigger battle to save civilians

700 still stuck in Sumy as Operation Ganga to evacuate Indians enters its final stretch

People fleeing a conflict zone throng a train station in Dnipro in eastern Ukraine braving a harsh weather on Sunday to catch evacuation trains | AFP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE second attempt to evacuate civilians from the eastern port city of Mariupol failed on Sunday as fighting broke out, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The evacuation of civilians remains a big concern, especially from areas of Ukraine where Russian forces have been pounding. For India, the focus is on Sumy where some 700 Indian students are stranded whose fate is not known.

India announced the start of the last leg of its operation to evacuate Indian students stranded in Ukraine, as the conflict entered its 11th day on Sunday.

More than 13,300 students were brought back on 63 flights on Saturday. India has called on both Russia and Ukraine to observe a ceasefire so that students can be safely evacuated. However, the fighting has continued and a truce is yet to materialise.

The Indian embassy in Ukraine has asked all Indians still in the country to fill up an online form along with details of their current location.

"All Indian nationals who still remain in Ukraine are requested to fill up the details contained in the attached Google Form on an URGENT BASIS. Be Safe Be Strong," the embassy said in a tweet.

The locations mentioned in the form included Cherkassy, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Luhansk and Lviv.

The Indian embassy in Hungary has asked all Indians staying on their own in that country to assemble at the Hungary City Centre in capital Budapest for evacuation.

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin in a telephone call with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron blamed Kyiv for failed civilian evacuations from Mariupol. P7,9

(with agency inputs)

226 K'taka students still stranded in Ukraine

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru, Hubballi

AS of Sunday, 458 Karnataka students have been evacuated from Ukraine and have reached home, while 226 students from the state are still stranded in the war-hit country, said Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority Commissioner Manoj Rajan on Sunday.

Twelve flights are scheduled to land in the country on Monday, he added.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who was in Hubballi, said the state government is in touch with Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to bring the stranded students back.

The government is getting information about the mortuary where the mortal remains of Naveen Gyana Goudar, a medical student from Karnataka who was killed last Tuesday, have been kept. Efforts are being made with the help of Indian Embassy officials to get Naveen's body back to his village Chalageri in Haveri district, Bommai said. P4

Belagavi's daughter-in-law flies AI evacuation flight

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

DISHA Mannur, a daughter-in-law of Belagavi, is being appreciated widely for her exemplary work in bringing Indians safely back from war-torn Ukraine.

Settled in New Delhi and working as a pilot for Air India, Disha was one of the five pilots who flew the AI-1947 flight from New Delhi to Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, on February 22 and evacuated 242 Indians.

Disha Mannur, née Gada, who hails from Bhuj in Gujarat, married Aditya Mannur, also a pilot, in 2015.

Aditya is the son of Belagavi-based Padmaja Prahlad Mannur, an active member of the Goregaon Karnataka Sangha and now residing in Mumbai.

This is not the first time that Disha has been deputed on a major operation. During the Covid pandemic, the couple flew aircraft to Hong Kong, Paris and Singapore to bring medical oxygen and to the US to bring medicines.

Disha, who is in Mumbai for a two-day aviation-related training, said, "I feel great that I was chosen for this operation. I feel good about doing something for the country, students and their worried parents. P4

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1 DAY TO GO!
THINKEDU CONCLAVE
SASTRA

Black money

TIMELINES FOR PROBE

The Centre will bring in timelines for expeditious prosecution of cases involving undisclosed foreign income and assets | P7

NATION WIDE	MAR 5	MAR 6	KARNATAKA	MAR 5	MAR 6
Fresh cases	5,921	5,476	Fresh cases	278	229
Recoveries	11,651	9,754	Recoveries	458	264
Deaths	289	158	Deaths	3	3

5 killed

BSF JAWAN OPENS FIRE

A BSF jawan allegedly opened fire on his colleagues at a camp in Khasa near Amritsar on Sunday, leaving four dead and another injured, before falling to a bullet. The accused, Sateppa SK, hailed from Karnataka. It was unclear whether he was shot by someone or he killed himself | P8

Former NSE chief Chitra arrested by CBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

CHITRA Ramkrishna, former MD & CEO of NSE, was arrested by the CBI on Sunday night from Delhi. She was reportedly evasive during an interrogation by the agency.

Ramkrishna's anticipatory bail application was rejected by a CBI court on Saturday. The court had termed the charges against her as serious and grave.

The CBI had grilled Ramkrishna in a colocation scam in which officials of the National Stock Exchange were accused of allowing private brokers to install their servers close to the NSE servers gaining a mili-second advantage over competitors in algorithmic trading.

The CBI has registered a case in 2018 and has been investigating it since then. Recently, a SEBI probe too indicted Ramkrishna and other NSE officials in this scam.

The CBI, which has been going slow in the case, has swung into action after the SEBI investigation report was made public.

Ramkrishna's bail application, the CBI court had said, "Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the grave and serious allegations against theapplicant/accused as above, no ground for anticipatory bail is made out at this stage."

JOBS FOR 6,000

STATE CLEARS 48 PROJECTS WORTH ₹2K CR

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AS there have been concerns over job losses in the last two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, here is a glimmer of hope. The Karnataka Government has approved 48 industrial projects worth Rs 2,062.21 crore that are expected to generate over 6,000 jobs in the state.

The 130th State Level Single Window Clearance Committee meeting, chaired by Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries Murugesh R Nirani, cleared seven large and medium-size projects with investment of over Rs 50 crore each. With a combined worth of Rs 1275.67 crore, these projects are expected to help generate employment opportunities for over 3,000 people.

Another 40 projects with an investment of over Rs 15 crore and less than Rs 50 crore too were given the nod. These projects worth Rs 724.87 crore are likely to provide jobs to 3,212 people. One more project with an investment of Rs 61.67 crore too was approved.

A total of 6,393 people will get jobs, stated a press release from the Industries Department.

Dr EV Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, commerce and industry department; Gunjan Krishna, Director, Industries Department; N Shivashankara, CEO, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board; Doddabasavaraj, MD, Karnataka Udyog Mitra and others attended the meeting.

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EXPRESS READ

Women's strength in CISF to be raised: Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah, on Sunday said that the representation of women in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will be increased from the present 6% to at least 20%, in the near future. "We will increase it to take the male-female ratio to at least 80:20," Shah said during the 53rd Raising Day celebrations of the CISF in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad.

One killed, 24 hurt in Srinagar grenade attack

SRINAGAR: An elderly civilian was killed and 24 others were injured in a grenade attack by militants in Srinagar on Sunday. Militants lobbed a grenade near Amira Kadal bridge in uptown Srinagar around 4.20 pm, when the area was abuzz with activity. The police said a manhunt has been launched in Jammu and Kashmir to track down the militants involved in the grenade attack.

It's housefull for India-SL day-night Test in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ALL the tickets available for the public for the first two days of the day-night Test between India and Sri Lanka, which will start at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday, were sold out on Sunday.

The excitement was high as cricket lovers in Bengaluru will witness an international cricket match after a gap of over two years, which were dominated by the pandemic. Fans stood in long queues outside the stadium to get hold of tickets for the second Test, which will be played with the pink ball.

The heat and long wait took a toll on a senior citizen, who fainted while waiting for his turn. The police personnel, who were deployed to control the crowd, rushed to his aid and revived him. They took him to the counter, got him tickets and also hailed an autorickshaw to send him home.

The tickets, which were up for grabs, both online (from March 1) and offline (March 6), were sold out in no time. Some of the fans did not get the tickets as the Karnataka State Cricket Association has limited the seating capacity to 50% as a Covid precaution. P5

Cricket lovers pose with tickets outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

India crush Lanka by innings & 222 runs

Ravindra Jadeja stood tall with his all-round brilliance as he complemented his 175 n.o. with 9 wickets in India's innings and 222-run win against Sri Lanka on Day 3 of the first test match in Mohali on Sunday | P11

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday : 07/03/2022 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Panchami 11.07 pm • Nakshatra: Bharani 6.29 am • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER MIN 18°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST: Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 6.32 am | Sunset 6.29 pm | Moonrise 9.41 am | Moonset 10.32 pm

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION PURPOSE

Money matters: Metro gets stable ratings

BMRCL has enough for debt servicing

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is on a sound financial footing and it has been given a stable rating by an entity of the US-based Fitch Group, one of the three major global credit rating agencies. Fitch's India Ratings and Research as well as Brickwork Ratings India Pvt Ltd have recently awarded it the 'Ind AA' rating, revealed a top official.

The good rating is an affirmation that the BMRCL has enough cash in hand to service its loan interests and manage its borrowings, the official explained. The Corporation had received the same rating in 2019 and 2020. However, there was much cause for concern this year due to the high operational losses caused due to a dip in ridership.

Explaining the factors which helped in the high rating, the agency explained that Karnataka's stable economic growth and the cost escalations of BMRCL that will be borne by its sponsors, the Central and State Governments. The BMRCL had an extensive support mechanism, it added. Sovereign loans from both Japan International Cooperation Agency (JAICA) and the Agence Francaise de Developpement via the Government of India to BMRCL helped in timely debt servicing, the credit rating agency added.

Pointing out to the financial losses caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, it said that social distancing and restrictions impacted ridership. "With Metro operations being suspended from April to August 2020, BMRCL reported ridership of only 17.27 lakh in financial year 2021," it said.

Unaudited results for nine months published

The unaudited results of BMRCL for the nine months from April 1 to December 31, 2021 have just been published on its website. "The heartening aspect is that the operational efficiency has improved," said an official.

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>
> Official, BMRCL

The total expenditure incurred during the 12 months of 2020-2021 stood at Rs 985.51 crore while the expenditure for the first nine months of this financial year stood at Rs 773.38 crore, reveals the balance sheet. "It is expected to touch Rs 1,031 crore by March 2022, an increase of just 5% over the previous year, " the official added.

The huge plus is that while BMRCL spent Rs 12.37 crore for every crore earned the previous year, it had to spend only Rs 6.1 crore for every crore earned during the nine months, it is learnt. With the pandemic receding, BMRCL is expected to witness a surge in fare revenue from now on, the official added.

Irked by constant civic works, citizens hold march

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@Bengaluru

Irked by the continuous work in the locality, Malleswaram residents held a protest march to local MLA, Ashwath Narayan's office.

They highlighted various issues like the inaccessibility of Sankey Tank to senior citizens, ongoing construction work at 18th Cross Grounds, and buses being directed towards residential streets from Sampige and others. The residents had contacted the authorities multiple times since some roads were dug up for years. Once declared functional, the roads were still unusable, causing difficulty particularly to senior citizens.

The residents held a ward committee meeting with local BBMP, BWSSB, traffic police, ex-corporators and local MLA office authorities where they had alleged that only half-hearted attempts were made to fix the issues while the residents were dissuaded from protesting.

However, with innumerable pending works and a majority of roads still unusable, residents went ahead with the protest on Sunday morning, walking from the 18th Cross bus stand till Narayan's office on 11th Cross.

They were allegedly ordered by the police to disperse following which they left the placards outside of the MLA's office.

Around a hundred residents had participated in the protest march which was organised and headed by Malleswaram Social.

Moved by the response from the protest regarding issues that concern the locality, the residents have decided to hold a weekly protest march to highlight issues in Malleswaram, starting with the 18th Cross Grounds.

BBMP damaging heritage lake, says party

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) has accused the BBMP of violating norms and court orders, inflicting irreversible damage to the heritage Pattandur Agrahara Lake in Mahadevapura. The party has urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta to immediately stop the road construction and start working towards protecting the interests of citizens and not their vested commercial interests. The BBMP has allegedly damaged the greenery while constructing a road joining Athashri Road and ECC Road in the lake buffer zone — a blatant violation of lake buffer zone laws — and is also in complete contempt of orders by the High Court in Writ Petition No. 38401/2014 order dated July 14, 2021 banning any construction in lake buffer zones. The dying Pattandur Agrahara Lake is significant as it is a heritage lake with a historical inscription stone tracing its construction more than a 1,000 years ago.

RUSH OF FAITH

Devotees throng a temple at KP Agrahara in Vijaya Nagar during the Kanaka Jayanti celebrations on Sunday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

BU invites applications for library apprentice trainees, junior engineers

BENGALURU: Bengaluru University has opened applications for the posts of Library Apprentice Trainees and Assistant/Junior Engineers on a temporary, one-year basis for the academic year of 2022-23. Candidates will work at the Bangalore University Libraries and will need a Masters of Library and Information Science from any recognised university. There are a total of 25 posts. A monthly stipend of Rs 15,000 will be paid. Applications must be submitted to the University Librarian. Similarly, applications for Assistant Civil Engineer and two Junior Civil Engineers must be submitted on or before March 15 to the registrar. Applications can be filled on www.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in. ENS

Train gets disabled-friendly coach, 2nd class luggage van

BENGALURU: Beginning Monday (March 7), the Yesvantpur-Lucknow-Yesvantpur Express (Train no. 22683/22684) will have a Diyvangjan-friendly coach along with a second class luggage cum brake van. It will replace the existing luggage cum brake van with generator coach. From the Lucknow end, the replacement will take place from March 10, said an official release. ENS

YPR-Hatia train to halt at Bano station

BENGALURU: A one-minute stoppage will be provided for a bi-weekly train running between Yesvantpur and Hatia at the Bano railway station in Jharkhand on an experimental basis for a period of six months. According to an official release, from Tuesday (March 8), the Yesvantpur-Hatia Biweekly Superfast Express (Train no. 12836) will arrive/depart at Bano station at 4.01 pm /4.02 pm. From the Hatia end, the one-minute stoppage has already been effected from March 6 whereby the Hatia-Yesvantpur Bi-Weekly Superfast Express arrives/departs at Bano station at 7.36/7.37 pm. ENS

Cyclists raise ₹50,000 fund for cerebral palsy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

Around 50 cyclists came together on Saturday for a fund raiser in honour of Shreyas Reddy, a 15-year-old teenager, who passed away in February due to complications from cerebral palsy.

Shreyas was the son of Suma Arun Kumar, Bicycle Councillor for Sadashivanagar. In memory of Shreyas and to spread awareness on cerebral palsy, fellow cyclist and Malleswaram Bicycle Councillor, Arvind Dwarkanath, organised a fund raiser on Saturday. Dwarkanath said the event was named after him, called 'Chiku 5' (Chiku was his nickname) .

Cyclists from organisations like Relief Riders, Race for 7, and Spokes-Women, joined the ride and donated Rs 50,000 for the cause. They cycled from Esteem Mall in Hebbal to the Airport Road Toll and back, clocking 50 km on Saturday morning. The donation will be distributed through Jayarudra Foundation, Dwarkanath's charitable foundation.

WORLD KIDNEY DAY

Cyclothon for awareness

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A city-wide cyclothon, shaped like a kidney, was held by Manipal Hospitals on Sunday to spread awareness on the kidney issues.

Flagged by Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, chairman of the hospitals, the cyclothon passed through 10 branches of the hospitals in Old Airport Road, Millers Road, Hebbal, Yeshwantpur, Malleswaram, Jayanagar, Sarjapur Road, Varthur Road and Whitefield. The initiative was taken up as a way to spread awareness on kidney health, especially with World Kidney Day just around the corner, being celebrated on March 10. "Maintaining kidney health is critical to the overall health and well-being of everyone. This World Kidney Day, I am delighted to be a part of the cyclothon that connotes the essence of kidney care," said Dr Ballal. The kidney-shaped cyclothon saw participation not only from cycling enthusiasts, but also patients, kidney donors, doctors and paramedics.

> It is a unique concept that marks the milestone achieved by Manipal Hospitals for preventive interventions and enhanced accessibility for kidney care.
>
> Dr H Sudarshan Ballal, chairman, Manipal Hospitals

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07th March : Sagittarius is my sign of the day. You might have been born when the Sun was in this most freedom-loving sign, but all of us have it somewhere in our birth charts. For everyone Sagittarius points to our need to explore our unique, individual places in the cosmos.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The future looks relatively optimistic at the moment. In fact that's an amazing understatement! The stars are emphasising peace rather than war, so they may bring sweetness and light to areas of your life from which they have been sadly lacking. Make sure that other people feel good as well, and your thoughtfulness will give you credit.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The week begins and ends with significant domestic indications. How about formulating plans today and then waiting about four or five days before putting them into practice? One thing is certain: conditions can only get better. But it may take an almighty effort to see that improvements last.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Your skills as a peacemaker could be in demand at home over the coming days. One thing to remember is that disputes will arise as a result of the sheer range of different options, not from any ill-will. And that's the simple reason why you should give partners the benefit of the doubt.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You've probably had enough big surprises, but fate may still have one or two tricks up its sleeve. The only complicating factor is that misunderstandings may periodically create an atmosphere of farce. A partner probably needs all the support you can give them.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You're still unhappy about financial matters, and quite right too. If you weren't dissatisfied with the conditions of your life you'd never make the necessary improvements. Everything will work out if you realise that you have another two weeks before agreements will stick.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your stars are splendid, as they often are at this time of year. Play social activities to the hilt but take it easy if firm agreement is required. You might find that close partners are impossible to pin down, but then what is new? Perhaps your demands are impossible to meet!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You are generally quite keen to dominate your environment, though in the nicest possible way. Yet, at the moment, I doubt if you are genuinely able to exert any sort of real or permanent control. You see, there are just too many powerful emotions and volatile undercurrents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your social planets really are exceptional, as you often find in the current season. Just don't get all huffy if promises are broken and arrangements forgotten - it's all in the stars! Or is it? By that I mean that the best place to start might be a long look at your own behaviour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon is moving from one lively position to another! I'd say that you'd do well to keep your wits about you and pursue your affairs as conscientiously as possible. Your interests are served best at home if you keep talking. Pick the right words, choose the most appropriate moment and you should win partners over!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Try and get everything important done as soon as you can, before fresh information arrives and circumstances move on. That way you'll be able to enjoy pleasurable propositions when they arrive, and get ready for more significant developments - just in case!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may now have to do some quick thinking if you are to avoid personal complications. However, if at all possible, do bring in other people who can share any good fortune and stand with you in adversity. Also, do yourself a favour and keep a watchful eye on your cash.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You have a great deal to achieve. Don't allow arguments or conflicts to make you drop out of the race. You're not normally so competitive, but neither can you really afford to let partners treat you as a complete push-over. Frankly, the more support you've got from friends, the better.

THE PHANTOM

YOU MUST BE THE LAST PERSON I'D EVER EXPECT TO SEE HERE!
YOU'RE A SEAFARING WOMAN, CAPTAIN SAVARNA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WAY UP HERE IN THE HIMALAYAS?
SOMETHING THAT NEEDS DOING, KIT...
SOMETHING I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED WITH.
FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE, I WON'T KILL AGAIN!
*12/11/2021, ED.

HI AND LOIS

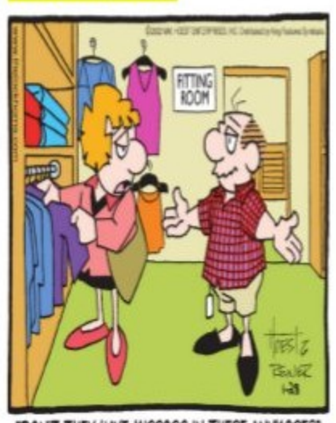
BEETLE BAILEY

WHY ARE YOU SO NICE TO HIM?
HE'S JUST A LITTLE BOY WHO NEEDS SOME MOTHERING
HERE YOU ARE, GOOD AS NEW!
GEE, THANKS
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

TODAY THE BOSS FIRED ONE OF HIS BEST EMPLOYEES WHO NEVER MISSED A DAY OF WORK IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
SHE HAS NEVER BEEN LATE FOR WORK AND ACTUALLY VOLUNTEERS FOR OVERTIME
WHY DID HE FIRE HER?
HE FIGURED SHE COULDN'T KEEP UP THAT PACE MUCH LONGER

LOCKHORNS



"DON'T THEY HAVE MIRRORS IN THERE ANYMORE?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I THOUGHT I HEARD A BURGLAR DOWNSTAIRS ... SO I CHECKED THE KITCHEN AND I GOT SCARED ... AND THEN I GOT HUNGRY."

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

6	9					8	4	
	5							3
4			5	9	8		6	7
					2		9	6
	8	5	4		9	2	3	
9	2		7					
3	6		2	8	7			4
2							7	
	7	4					8	2

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

9	2	3	6	5	4	8	1	7
7	1	4	3	8	9	2	6	5
8	6	5	1	7	2	4	9	3
4	5	8	7	3	6	9	2	1
6	3	2	9	1	8	7	5	4
1	7	9	4	2	5	6	3	8
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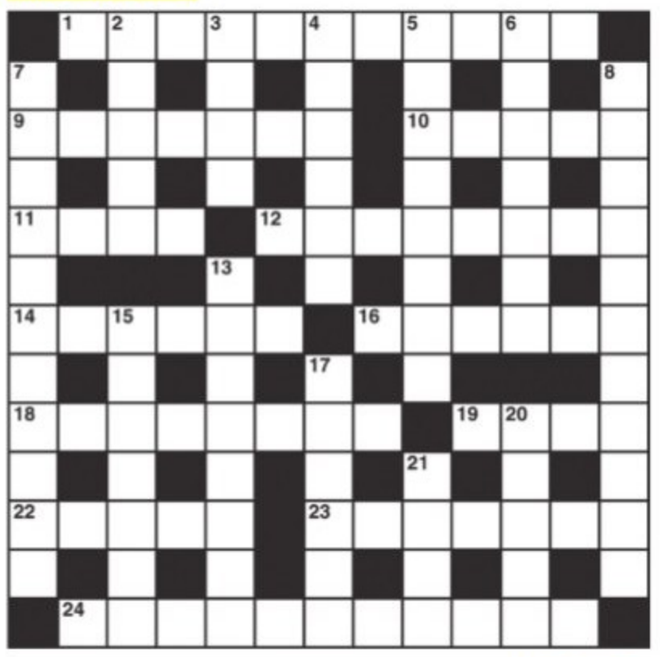
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Football club? (11)
9 They reckon they work in a bank (7)
10 Girl turns right to avoid something (5)
11 Bound to be tired right out? (4)
12 Club team has a nickname for Cromwell (8)
14 Put little work into bad choice (6)
16 Ladies' champion in quest for a mate (6)
18 A dog to the Spanish; a bird to us (8)
19 Hits back in fight (4)
22 A fruit dish (5)
23 Lawyers assume anger as a form of defence (7)
24 Bullet that meant goodbye for someone? (7,4)

DOWN

2 Loves an anagram to decipher (5)
3 Start work in French (4)
4 The insecure should, when they lose heart (6)
5 Learning to be a commuter? (8)
6 Vacancy for the job of a doorman (7)
7 It determines the regularity of beatings (11)
8 Public announcements of secret rites (6,5)
13 To an extent how teams are formed (8)
15 Composition that calls for assurance of touch (7)
17 A French beer brewed by Jacob's son (6)
20 A plot involving ancient Greek (5)
21 Used for picking up military equipment (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Behave, 4 Escheats, 9 Abseil, 10 Marriage, 12 Emit, 13 Evils, 14 Taxi, 17 Exaggeration, 20 Entomologist, 23 Inns, 24 Dinah, 25 Etna, 28 Intimate, 29 Lining, 30 Deployed, 31 Direct.

Down: 1 Bracelet, 2 Hospital, 3 Vain, 5 Scarlet woman, 6 Herd, 7 Ananas, 8 See fit, 11 Eversolittle, 15 Agent, 16 Colon, 18 Diatribe, 19 Straight, 21 Pitied, 22 Instep, 26 Ammo, 27 Hi-fi.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NIQATU

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Do you want to head to Bilbao later and see the museum?
Sure. Then we can cross over into France. But first I need to work on my tan.
THEY STAYED AT THE BEACH RESORT NEAR THE SPAIN-FRANCE BORDER TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
MADLY HOBBY TEDIUM CANDID
ANSWER: The harvesting machine was expensive, so they pooled their money to — BUY A COMBINE

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The Chandra Layout police have arrested a man who was allegedly stealing cameras from studios on the pretext of taking them on rent. The accused Purushotham had gone to a studio in Chandra Layout on February 22 and enquired about renting a camera. He told the owner that he wants to test the clarity of the photos before renting it and took the camera and came out of the studio. Though the owner accompanied him, the accused ran away

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 363 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **229** | Yesterday: **278**

TALLY
Today: **39,42,575**
Yesterday: **39,42,346**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **3**	Today: **264**
Yesterday: **3**	Yesterday: **458**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **3,248**
Yesterday: **3,286**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **6.08%**	Today: **1.01%**
Yesterday: **6.09%**	Yesterday: **1.01%**

RECOVERY RATE
Today: **98.90%**
Yesterday: **98.90%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**146**
Bengaluru Rural	**2**
Bagalkot	1
Ballari	7
Belagavi	6
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	0
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	5
Chitradurga	5
Dakshina Kannada	5
Davanagere	0
Dharwad	4
Gadag	0
Hassan	0
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	1
Kodagu	5
Kolar	0
Koppal	2
Mandya	2
Mysuru	12
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	6
Tumakuru	13
Udupi	2
Uttara Kannada	3
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	1

Covid cases fall, 29 dists record TPR below 1%

Figures range between 0 pc and 0.97 pc in all districts except Kalaburagi which reported 1.42 pc test positivity rate

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IN a reassuring sign, 29 of the 31 districts in Karnataka reported Covid-19 test positivity rates (TPR) below the 1 per cent mark, the threshold figure set by the Health Department.

This has finally been achieved on March 4, nearly two years since the pandemic began in Karnataka on March 8, 2020.

The figures range between 0.0 per cent and 0.97 per cent in all districts except for Kalaburagi, which reported 1.42 per cent day-wise TPR on Friday, according to the state Covid-19 war room data.

"From having over 3,000 cases a day, we are hardly seeing 10-18 Covid cases a day in Bengaluru Urban district (excluding Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike limits). People have acquired herd immunity and the only people coming forward for testing are those with symptoms of cold and cough. We are testing only symptomatic people," said Dr Srinivas Gulur, district health officer, Bengaluru Urban district.

Vijayapura, Ramanagara, Koppal, Chikkamagaluru, Bidar and Bagalkot are reporting 0.0 per cent day-wise TPR. The overall day-wise test positivity rate on March 4 was 0.55 per cent in Karnataka.

In Chikkaballapur district, where the TPR three days ago was 0.09 per cent, there are only 11 active Covid-19 cases.

"There are fewer people coming forward for tests and this is owing to the protection from vaccination. We are not receiving cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection anymore. The situation is under control. As per the latest guidelines, we do not conduct unnecessary testing on those coming in for other health issues," said Dr Indira, district health officer, Chikkaballapur, where testing of elderly citizens is done once every fortnight.Meanwhile, Karnataka reported on Sunday just 3,248 active cases, which is the lowest that the state has witnessed after the peak of the first wave of the pandemic in September-October 2020. Of this, 2,425 active cases are in Bengaluru, which on Sunday recorded an increase in the number of active cases by six. The increase in Bengaluru's active cases has been recorded for the first time since January 31.

DRUGS WORTH ₹40L CONCEALED IN ANTIQUE WALL CLOCK SEIZED

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The Bengaluru unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) made two major seizures recently — half-a-kg of amphetamine worth Rs 40 lakh concealed in an antique wall clock at the Kempegowda International Airport and imported cigarettes valued around Rs 6 crore hidden in a container carrying dates and coming from Dubai at the Tuticorin port (Tamil Nadu). Both the seizures were made following an intelligence tipoff.

A reliable source said, "Amphetamine was intended for Jeddah in Saudi Arabia and was concealed in powder form inside the antique clock. We stopped the consignment right at the courier collection point inside the airport on Friday (March 4)."

The booking from Bengaluru had been made under fictitious names and addresses.

The half-a-kg amphetamine worth Rs 40 lakh concealed in an antique wall clock (inset)

A case has been booked under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropics Act.

In the other case which was the biggest seizure of cigarettes made by the Bengaluru unit, a total of 4 lakh imported cigarette sticks of different brands were seized from the container coming from Dubai to the Tuticorin port.

"After the tipoff, a team rushed to the port and made the recovery. The container had a few date boxes containing dates on the top layer when we opened them. The boxes in the middle had cigarette sticks," the source said. A case has been booked under the Customs Act, he added.

Cigarettes being smuggled in are sold for Rs 15-16 here as compared to a high-quality Indian cigarette is priced at Rs 20-25, another source said. "The foreign cigarettes being smuggled evade customs duty and cause the country's exchequer a huge loss," he added.

6, INCLUDING FOUR NIGERIAN NATIONALS, ARRESTED FOR PEDDLING DRUGS

Bengaluru: Police on Sunday arrested six people on charges of peddling drugs in two separate incidents. The arrested includes four Nigerian nationals. In the first case, Yelahanka police arrested a gang of four men, including two Nigerian nationals, and seized MDMA crystals worth Rs 2.8 lakh from them. The gang was selling drugs to college students and apartment residents. In the second incident, sleuths of the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB arrested two Nigerians and seized 183 g of ecstasy pills and 62 g of MDMA crystals worth Rs 50 lakh from them.

GANJA WORTH RS 4 LAKH SEIZED FROM TRAIN PASSENGER ENTERING CITY

Bengaluru: The Government Railway Police (GRP) on Saturday seized 21 kg of ganja worth Rs 4 lakh from a passenger on board the Kakinada Express after it reached Bengaluru Cantonment station. According to GRP, Karnataka, SP, DR Siri Gowri, "We received intelligence input on ganja being brought into Bengaluru on March 5 by an individual travelling by the Kakinada Express. The train was to terminate at KSR railway station and our staff were ready to nab the peddler. However, when the train reached Cantonment, our cops were carrying out routine checks and a passenger panicked and rushed out of the train. He later approached a bench on Platform 1 and sat on it." His body language and behaviour aroused suspicion of the cops. "When his luggage was examined, they found 16 kg of ganja in a suitcase and 5 kg of the same in another travel bag," the SP said. It is highly likely that they were being brought from Tamil Nadu, the SP said.

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Mission Indradhanush 4.0 in 11 dists

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THE Health Department has selected 11 districts to implement the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 to conduct routine immunisation of children aged between 0 and 2, and pregnant women. The districts are Bengaluru Urban, areas under BBMP, Bagalkot, Ballari, Bidar, Chikkaballapur, Gadag, Kalaburagi, Davanagere, Vijayapura and Dakshina Kannada.

The campaign will be held in three rounds on seven working days starting from March 7, April 4 and May 9.

The department aims to immunise 30,234 children and 7,521 pregnant women in the first round, hailing from unserved, low coverage pockets in urban areas, hard to reach areas, villages which have missed routine immunisation due to the Covid-19 pandemic, high risk areas, etc.

"These include those living in areas such as urban slums with migration, brick kilns, construction sites, fisherman villages, forest dwellers, hilly areas, vaccine preventable disease outbreak areas, vaccine hesitancy or refusal areas, peri-urban or border areas, mohallas, etc," read a press note from the department.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

National Health Mission

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Sri Basavaraj S Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH (IMI) 4.0

Children below 2 years & pregnant women who have missed vaccination will be covered

FREE VACCINE
In Government Health Centres

IMI 4.0 programme in the following Districts

- Bidar
- Kalaburagi
- Vijayapura
- Bagalakote
- Gadag
- Ballari
- Davanagere
- Chikkaballapur
- Dakshina Kannada
- Bengaluru Urban
- BBMP

Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar, participating in launch of PCV vaccination.

2022
INTENSIFIED MISSION INDRADHANUSH 4.0
Vaccine will be given at your nearest Government health center in three rounds, each round will be for 7 days (including holidays)

7th March | 4th April | 9th May

MISSION INDRADHANUSH

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Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri said there is a danger of systemic collapse on the account of decline in societal values and it is high time that advocates play a proactive role to halt this trend. "Advocates are better equipped to create a powerful public opinion on various national issues," he said

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Ruling, opposition leaders on the development highway

Recently, a host of ministers of the Union and State Governments and BJP leaders were present at a function in Hubballi where the foundation for highway projects was laid and a completed project was opened for public use. In the gathering, the exception was senior Congress leader and Opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge. In his address, Union Minister of State for Social Justice, A Narayanaswamy, noted how Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, does not differentiate among ruling and opposition members as far as development is concerned. He recalled that Kharge, when he was Congress leader in the Lok Sabha, had just spoken to Gadkari in Parliament corridors about some highway works in his constituency Kalaburagi. When Gadkari did not get a written request from Kharge, the minister himself went to the Congress office in Parliament and asked the staff there to send Kharge's request letter. Later on, all of the works were implemented, he added. Without hesitation, Kharge agreed with this and added that Gadkari indeed does not mix politics with development. "In appreciation of the minister, I am attending the function and there is nothing political about it," he added. The camaraderie between leaders of ruling and opposition parties was appreciated.

Law minister a law course dropout

Union Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Pralhad Joshi, had come under Opposition fire for his remarks that 90 per cent of students who go abroad to study medicine fail the mandatory Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE) to be eligible to practise in the country. The remarks had come on a day 21-year-old Naveen from Karnataka died in shelling by Russian troops in Ukraine. Joshi, later divulged to a group of reporters that he too had dropped out of a law degree course as he found his calling in becoming an industrialist. Well, if that's any consolation for the students!

CM confident of final clearance for Kalasa-Banduri project soon

To meet Union Jal Shakti Minister after budget session; expresses hope of work starting soon

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@ Hubballi

CHIEF Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** on Sunday said that he will head to New Delhi after the ongoing budget session concludes, to meet Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and get final clearances for the project linking the Kalasa-Banduri streams to the Malaprabha river.

Speaking to reporters, Bommai said two rounds of talks have already been held over getting a green signal for the detailed project report (DPR), and only clearance from the Ministry of Forests and Environment is pending. Since it is in the final stages, he expressed hope of getting the nod and starting the work at the earliest. Regarding the objection being raised by the Goa government, the CM said the tribunal has already allocated the water share to the states concerned and now the issue is before the court. Since the existing DPR and MoEF clearance were within the water share allocated to the State, there would be no legal hassles, he said, exuding confidence.

As the Central agencies have been requested to give clearance for the Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir project, he will be holding an all-party meeting during the ongoing budget session and a delegation will head to New Delhi at a suitable date to discuss other water resources projects, he said.

Reacting sharply to the claims of Congress leaders that their padayatra had pressured the government to allocate funds for the Mekedatu project in the Budget presented on Friday, Bommai said it was a decades-old budget and the DPR was revised in 2012, but no concrete measures were taken. An extensive DPR is ready now, he added. Already, three meetings of the Cauvery Water Management Board have discussed the matter and another meeting, most likely the final one, will be held soon. Since the government is confident of getting the Board's nod and clearance from MoEF, the budgetary allocation has been made, he noted.

On requesting the Union Government to announce the Upper Krishna Stage 3 project a national project, the CM said officers have been asked to study the guidelines and prepare a technical report. Once it is ready, it will be sent to the Centre, he said.

Forensic science lab in Hubballi to ease pressure

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IN the backdrop of several complaints from investigators and law enforcement agencies that more local forensic science laboratories are necessary, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who was earlier Home Minister and is quite familiar with these demands, opened a Forensic Science Laboratory in Hubballi on Sunday. The CM said that a narcotics section too will be added soon.

Earlier, forensic evidence had to be sent to Bengaluru, Hyderabad or Mumbai for examination and reports would take months, thereby delaying court proceedings in criminal cases.

The CM said, "DNA, Cyber, Mobile, Documentation and Audio-Video sections have been already opened here. There is a need to establish a Narcotics section. Already, 80 scientists have been selected for recruitment and they will be appointed at Hubballi and Ballari after training. The law should always be ahead of the criminals and only then crime can be controlled."

He said the police has done commendable work in controlling the narcotics menace. Narcotic substances seized by the state police in the last one year is as much as the quantum of narcotics seized in the last five years in the rest of the country. The drugs seized were completely destroyed.

Centre noncommittal over Mekedatu, Bommai must quit as CM: Shivakumar

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar on Sunday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, alleging that the latter had kept mum and failed to respond when Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat suggested that both Karnataka and Tamil Nadu should sit across the table and settle the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project issue.

Speaking to reporters at Kanakapura, Shivakumar has alleged that Bommai has forgotten his responsibility as Chief Minister of the state, and he is answerable since Shekawat had only said that the Centre is ready to mediate between the two states. "It is impossible that they (Tamil Nadu) too are not indulging in politics over the issue and are unlikely to give their consent for the project. Instead, the Union Minister should have set a deadline for environment clearance, which is pending," he remarked.

"This indicates that the state government is incompetent to get clearance from the Central Environment Ministry. The CM should clarify in this regard or step down from his post as the Union Minister backtracking from helping the state is an insult to the people of Karnataka," he opined.

Basavaraj Bommai, in his budget, had earmarked Rs 1,000 crore to take up the Mekedatu project, but only after getting environmental clearance.

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D K Shivakumar, KPCC president

Eshwarappa wants Shivamogga airport to be named after BSY

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa, who is known to have frequent differences with former CM B S Yediyurappa, on Sunday came up with an unexpected proposal, which raised eyebrows. Eshwarappa suggested that the Shivamogga Airport, which is being constructed at Sogane, be named after Yediyurappa, considering his contributions to the district.

A long list of names have been suggested for naming the airport, including those of rulers Keladi Shivappa Nayaka, Keladi Chennamma, and Mayuravarma; 12th Century social reformer Akka Mahadevi; Father of Indian Constitution Dr B R Ambedkar; and national poet Kuvempu, among others.

During an event organised by the Akhila Bharat Veerashaiva Mahasabha district unit at Kuvempu Rangamandira here on Sunday to confer Yediyurappa with the Keladi Shivappa Nayaka Award, organisers suggested that the airport be named after queen Keladi Chennamma, who ruled the Keladi kingdom and provided refuge to Rajaram, the second son of Chhatrapati Shivaji. Litterateur Goruru Channabasappa also suggested naming the airport after Shivappa Nayaka, who implemented remarkable reforms in his kingdom during his reign.

Meanwhile, Eshwarappa, who recalled the contributions of Yediyurappa when he was the CM, said that people of the district are 'lucky' to have got a leader like Yediyurappa. "It is my personal opinion. So many names are being suggested to name the airport. Why can't the airport be named after Yediyurappa?" Eshwarappa asked, as the crowd cheered. Justifying his suggestion, Eshwarappa said that when people from different districts, states and nations come to the city after 10, 50 or 100 years, and ask the locals as to why the airport is named after Yediyurappa, there would be no need to answer.

"Is it wrong to name the airport after Yediyurappa who developed the district? I know that my suggestion will invite many reactions. Neither I nor Yediyurappa take such criticisms seriously. We grow as and when people criticise us... If Yediyurappa was not the CM, getting an airport in Shivamogga would have been a distant dream," he opined. "If there is an alternative name to 'development', that should be Yediyurappa," Eshwarappa concluded.

Former CM B S Yediyurapppa being conferred with the Keladi Shivappa Nayaka Award in Shivamogga on Sunday | EXPRESS

LONG WAIT

Two from Dharwad stranded in Ukraine

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REPLYING to a question on the academic future of medical students who have returned from Ukraine, CM Basavaraj Bommai said a suitable decision will be taken in consultation with the Union government.

He was talking after welcoming Chaitra Gangadhar, a medical student from Yaraguppi village of Kundagol taluk in Dharwad district, who returned safely from Ukraine. Chaitra was studying at Kharkiv in Ukraine. "Of the stranded students, four were from Dharwad. Two have returned home safely and we are confident of bringing back the other two as well. We have been informed that they have crossed the Ukraine border," he added.

Another medical student, Rakshit Ravi Gani from Kottalagi village of Athani taluk in Belagavi district, told *TNIE* over phone that Indian Embassy officials moved around 500 Indian students to safety from Kharkiv. Of them, 80 are from Karnataka.

Rakshit said, "Indian embassy officials are in constant touch with us. Earlier, we tried to board a train, but we did not get seats as everyone is leaving Kharkiv. We were panicking. We also had health issues as we did not get food and water. Indian embassy officials finally arranged a bus for us late on Saturday night. We are travelling towards Poland."

Friends with Russia, Centre could've rescued more students, feels HDK

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@ Kalaburagi

THE Indian Government could have rescued more students studying in war-torn Ukraine and prevented loss of life, considering the relations Prime Minister Narendra Modi has with Russian President Vladimir Putin, said former Chief Minister **H D Kumaraswamy** here on Sunday.

Kumaraswamy told reporters that PM Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin have been on good terms and have spoken with each other only three months back. "The PM may have had an idea of possible war between Ukraine and Russia. He could have made arrangements for the safe return of the Indians from Ukraine well in time," he claimed.

Now, since the students who have returned from Ukraine cannot go back, the Union and State Governments should make suitable arrangements to enable them to continue their education in India, he felt.

Kumaraswamy, however, declined to comment on the statement of the students (who have returned to India), alleging that the Centre had not made good arrangements for their return from Ukraine, but he mentioned that they had gone their to pursue their studies because of a "faulty education system in India". "At least, now the government should frame policies so that meritorious students from poor families could get a good education," he said.

'Bad budget'

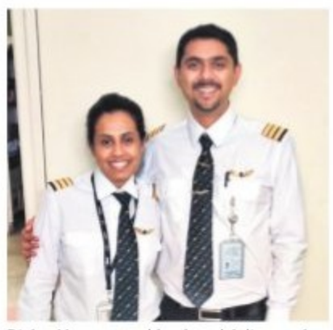
Kumaraswamy termed the budget presented by Basavaraj Bommai as a 'bad budget', adding that the person who handled the irrigation portfolio could have given sufficient grants for irrigation projects. "The grant of Rs 5,000 crore for the UKP-3 is insufficient even for the land acquisition process. If such a small amount is given for irrigation projects, when would they be finished?" he questioned.

"When I was the CM of the coalition government, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mekedatu project had been prepared. The leaders of Congress were claiming that the BJP government has earmarked Rs 1,000 crore for the Mekedatu project because of their padayatra. When there is a dispute over the Mekedatu project with the Tamil Nadu government, reserving Rs 1,000 crore is just an eyewash," he alleged.

He asserted that senior Congress leader C M Ibrahim will join the JDS in the coming days, as it is his home base from where he grew.

We will not veer Left or Right: Kumaraswamy

KALABURAGI: JDS senior leader and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday clarified that the party will neither steer right nor left but would go straight. He said in Kalaburagi that the JDS will not form an alliance with any party (BJP or Congress) and will go alone in the 2023 Assembly polls. He said the party will launch a Janata Jaladhaare campaign to urge the state government to get pending projects cleared. He claimed that both Congress and BJP are doing disservice to the state on water resources.



Disha Mannur and husband Aditya, who is also a pilot

'Disha said it was her duty'

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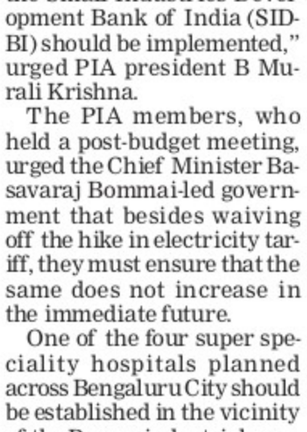
"THE other planes were landing at Bucharest and Budapest to evacuate the students. I got a chance to land the plane in Ukraine itself. There were only two planes at the airport. I was a bit scared, but the government of India had already held talks and we were sure that there would be no disturbance," Disha said.

Disha's mother-in-law Padmaja Mannur said, "My son and daughter-in-law stay in Delhi. When Disha told me about her operation to Ukraine, I was scared. But she said it was her duty and asked me not to worry. Now, I and Disha's parents are receiving a lot of appreciation from people."



Industrialists want Peenya problems on session agenda

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PEENYA Industries Association (PIA) has wished that the problems of the industrial hub, including overhauling of its infrastructure, would be discussed in the budget session which is scheduled to begin on Monday.

"Apart from providing tax rebates to the industry, financial assistance must be extended from the banks and financial institutions. The interest subvention scheme for small- and medium-scale industries aimed at providing short-term credit at subsidised interest rate through the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) should be implemented," urged PIA president B Murali Krishna.

The PIA members, who held a post-budget meeting, urged the Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai-led government that besides waiving off the hike in electricity tariff, they must ensure that the same does not increase in the immediate future.

One of the four super speciality hospitals planned across Bengaluru City should be established in the vicinity of the Peenya industrial area, the members have sought, adding, "Once the ambience of the area is enhanced, investments will flow in automatically," they demanded. Already, the capacity of the PIA has been optimally utilised. A supplementary small or micro industries park must be set up to enhance it further. To provide seamless connectivity of the area, the Goraguntepalya junction, which is notorious for traffic snarls, must be improved through a flyover or an underpass project, which could be jointly taken up by the BBMP, BDA and National Highways Authority of India, they suggested.

'GENUINE DEMANDS OF FARMERS HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED'

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai seems to have stuck to his favourite sector, major irrigation, while allocating funds in his maiden budget, but ignoring the long-standing demand of farmers relating to marketing and remunerative prices for their produce. The political cost of this may reflect in the Assembly elections to be held next year.

Though agriculture and its allied sectors have got an impressive cumulative allocation of Rs 33,700 crore, the lion's share goes to major irrigation, that too for the Yettinahole and Mekedatu projects whose economic benefits are yet to be convincingly proven. The actually useful and sustainable areas such as tank rehabilitation and watershed development have got lesser allocation and have been neglected again.

Farmers have made very clear what they want: Water is, of course, very essential but associated issues like regular supply of electricity is also equally important. Agriculture needs genuine focus on mechanisation as it has already turned into a high-cost enterprise. However, the newly initiated 'Raitha Shakti' scheme, to subsidise the cost of cultivation, has received only Rs 500 crore allocation. In the backdrop of the Covid catastrophe and the pandemic-induced lockdowns, the government could have utilised migrant labourers who returned to villages in mechanisation, processing, value addition and rural reconstruction works by better utilising schemes like MGNREGS. A separate department for value addition and processing of farm products with a proactive role for farmers and producers organisations, called the Department of Secondary Agriculture is an interesting concept. But its success will depend on how the existing departments and the people who will be part of the new department receive it.

The reintroduction of the Yashaswini health insurance scheme to help farmers is also a welcome step. Farmers across the country are unequivocal in their demand for remunerative prices for their produce and market access. They have been asking for statutory safeguards for MSP so that no one can buys their produce below the benchmark price. The Karnataka Agricultural Prices Commission, in its report in 2018, had already presented a clear-cut roadmap in this regard. In spite of this, the long-standing demand did not get the attention it deserves.

Dr PRAKASH KAMMARDI
Agricultural expert and former chairman, Karnataka Agricultural Prices Commission

In a bid to shore up its base, the Kerala Congress has begun its digital membership drive targeting to add one lakh members in Kasaragod. The party workers at the booth and mandalam committee levels would be given membership during the drive, said district Congress president P K Faisal

Girls can usher in immense changes in science: Nirmala

'Country requires more young scientists for collective benefit of all'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

STATING that girls pursuing science achieve a lot more, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that they can usher in an immense change in this field.

While speaking at the foundation stone laying event for the Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS) on Sunday, she recalled how her dream project of setting up a planetarium was being realised in Mysuru. The planetarium at the varsity campus will be more than an activity of gazing at the sky but will generate data in real-time which can be used by young scientists.

"There is a cliché that data is the next oil. But it will be of no use if we don't know how to use it. The country needs a centre where real-time data which is related to astrophysics is available to students and researchers. I wanted to create a center of astrophysics where not only the current but also the past data are available for use in a guided way with the help of teachers, faculties, and scientists," she said.

FM Niramala Sitharaman speaks at a programme in Mysuru city | EXPRESS

She pointed out that the country needs many more young scientists who in the future can use the data in such a way that benefits all.

Sharing the idea of this project, she said that if Ladakh sky can be viewed from Delhi, it can also be seen from Mysuru for which technology will help. "I wanted to recreate this beautiful, undisturbed Leh sky here in Mysuru," she said.

"This is a little planet to itself where learning becomes charismatic," she said. Expressing happiness over the participation of many young girl students, she said that girls working in the field of science achieve a lot more, calling them real game-changers.

GST SHARE DISPARITY

As Sitharaman faces opposition ire over the GST share, a degree student from Mysuru questioned her regarding the disparity of GST share among states. She suggested that the student gain more knowledge on GST and said that the economic situation of all states won't be the same. "A few get lesser tax devolution while others get higher. Development of those states can't be neglected taking into consideration the tax collection," she said, according to students who were present during a candid interaction between the Union finance minister and them. Another student submitted a memorandum to her demanding tax-free salary for the giants among Armed Forces.

A STORM BREWING

Children play cricket before rough tides at Foreshore Estate in Chennai on Sunday. A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal threatens the city and north Tamil Nadu districts | EXPRESS

22-year-old student drowns in Chunchi Falls

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A 22-year-old student drowned in Chunchi Falls in Kanakapura of Ramanagara district on Sunday morning.

The deceased Ambar Gangola was a BA student in a private university near Sarjapur. He was a resident of Dommasandra and his father worked in the same university. The family hails from Uttarkhand.

Police said Gangola had gone to Chunchi Falls along with four of his friends early on Sunday morning. Around 7 am, the friends jumped into the water and were swimming. After 2-3 rounds of swimming, Gangola was exhausted and started drowning. His friends made a futile attempt to rescue him but he disappeared.

"The friends rushed and informed the villagers who immediately went near the falls to save Gangola but it was late. The matter was reported to the police immediately. We rushed with the rescue team to the spot. With the local divers, the body was fished out within a few hours," jurisdictional Sathanur police said.

A probe revealed that the friends had gone to Nandi Hills on Saturday night, where they had consumed alcohol.

QUARRY CRASH TOLL RISES TO 2

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ONE more body was recovered from the stone quarry crash site at Madahalli in Gundlupet by the teams of the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) and Fire and Emergency department which have been carrying out rescue operations since Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Miraj. The body has been sent to the district hospital for autopsy. The rescue teams are scouring the site, which is emitting a putrid smell, to retrieve other bodies. Since huge rocks and boulders were impeding the efforts, the team sought the permission of the local tahsildar, and carried out nine blasts. Earthmovers were brought in to remove the rubble to recover the bodies.

It was reported that three among two dozen employees working at the quarry are missing. The toll has mounted to two with the recovery of Miraj's body. Azeemulla's body was found on Saturday.

The state government has constituted eight teams comprising police, Mines and Geology, and Revenue officials for surveys at the site.

SHOWN THE DOOR

2 more DMK leaders axed

KUMARESAN @ Chennai

THE ruling DMK for the last three days has been taking action against the functionaries of the party following their alleged anti-party activities during the indirect election for civic chief postings on Friday.

Following reports that some of the alliance partners of the DMK and the official candidates of the party were losing their postings due to anti-party activities of some functionaries, Chief Minister MK Stalin said that he felt ashamed and urged the cadres to resign their posts.

M Ravikumar, DMK's Poonamallee town secretary, was the first to face party's wrath. Later, action was initiated against former minister and Kanyakumari East district unit secretary N Sureshrajan.

10k tickets sold to public

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AROUND 10,000 tickets were available for the public, while the rest have been reserved for former players, club members etc. Also, the recently upgraded floodlight facility at the stadium will be used for the first time.

The Indian team heads to the Garden City with a 1-0 lead in the Sri Lanka series.

I am still scared, says kidnapped actress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T' puram

RECALLING the trauma of being hounded down repeatedly even after the sexual assault, the survivor in the 2017 actor abduction case, however, vowed to fight back strongly whatever the outcome be.

In a live interview to a private YouTube channel, the actor confided that at times she felt lonely and found herself in a state of fright despite having a wonderful support system, comprising her husband, family members, friends, and above all the public who rallied behind her.

The 35-year-old began answering the questions saying since the case is before the court, she will not delve into details. She said she is devastated and wants to get back her dignity that "has been shredded to a million pieces".

With emotion writ large on her face, she said it was her sheer will power that keeps her going.

There were days when she felt that what she had undergone was all a nightmare. And there were moments when she felt like giving up the fight. She recalled the tirade against her in the social media after the traumatic incident,

"I am still scared, I don't know about how the system works. Despite having a wonderful support system around me, I still felt lonely," she said.

EXPRESS READ

Panakkad Hyder Ali Shihab Thangal passes away

MALAPPURAM: Kerala president of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) and a senior Muslim spiritual leader, Panakkad Syed Hyder Ali Shihab Thangal passed away on Sunday. He was 74. He breathed his last at 12.40pm while under treatment at a private hospital in Angamaly, where he was admitted on February 22, a medical bulletin said. The hospital authorities stated that Thangal was under treatment for large B-cell lymphoma, diabetes and pneumonia. His condition deteriorated on Saturday and his body ceased to respond to medicines from Sunday morning. For the past few months, Hyder Ali Thangal had been receiving treatment at various private hospitals inside and outside the state. As the successor to Panakkad Sayed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal, his elder brother, Hyder Ali Thangal led the IUML in Kerala from August 1, 2009, till the final days of his life.

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"Can one wonder that Western nations are feared and hated by other people, not alone for obvious political or economic reasons, but even more profoundly and instinctively for spiritual reasons?

Ananda K Coomaraswamy

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— Ramnath Goenka

THIRD FRONT TALK HEATS UP AHEAD OF RESULTS & PREZ POLL

Talk about a third front is once again in the air. Some opposition parties are making moves to unite and challenge the BJP. Mamata Banerjee took the first step in this direction when she travelled to Mumbai after defeating the BJP in a high-pitched West Bengal election. She met Sharad Pawar and Uddhav Thackeray, both allies of the Congress in Maharashtra, and proposed creation of a third front. She announced the end of the Congress-led UPA and said only a new front, comprising regional parties, could defeat the BJP in the next general elections. Pawar and Thakeray, however, rejected her idea saying there could be no credible national alternative to BJP without the Congress. Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao has now embarked on the same path. He had a highly-publicised lunch with some prominent Modi baiters recently. He plans to meet regional political leaders to explore the possibility of forming a credible opposition alliance.

Another such move was made by election strategist Prashant Kishor who met Bihar CM Nitish Kumar over dinner in Delhi. The meeting lasted two hours. Kishor is reported to have carried Mamata's message that Nitish should become opposition's candidate in the Presidential election. Nitish rejected the offer. His argument was the same as that of Pawar and Uddhav. No opposition candidate could win the Presidential election without Congress support. Mamata had sent the proposal to Nitish without keeping Congress in the loop. Nitish is an ally of the BJP and is heading an NDA government in Bihar. It would not be easy for the Congress and its allies to trust Nitish unless he formally breaks ties with the BJP. For the opposition, Nitish is still part of the BJP-led NDA. There is no reason for it to support a BJP ally in the Presidential poll. Mamata's proposal appears amateurish and her plan to play the pivotal role in opposition politics by sidelining the Congress has not found any takers.

KCR is trying to succeed where Mamata could not. The fractious opposition pulling in different directions will be no challenge to the BJP in the next Presidential elections unless the numbers drastically change as a result of the ongoing Assembly elections in five states. The third front too will likely remain a non-starter unless Nitish decides to flip.

WHEN POLITICIANS HOLD OUR CITIES TO RANSOM

The Karnataka High Court has once again come to the rescue of Bengalureans by putting a stop to protests and processions on city roads. It has rightly restricted such activity to Freedom Park, the venue designated for demonstrations. For two days in the past week, the Congress *padayatra* demanding implementation of the Mekedatu reservoir project held the city to ransom, gridlocking the roads and leaving citizens in distress. That the court had to take up the issue and pass strictures is a comment on the insensitivity of the party to people's hardship. This propensity to make political statements at the cost of the common man is not limited to any one party, and neither is it the first time that the HC has had to intervene to bring order to Bengaluru's roads in the aftermath of a rally. As far back as 2008, a JD(S) rally had paralysed the city, prompting the judiciary to propose guidelines for traffic management. Unfazed, the party repeated its feat, leading to possibly the worst gridlocks the city had seen, with schoolchildren stranded on roads till late evening. The recent tragic death of a child after an ambulance was stuck in a traffic snarl in New Delhi should serve as a warning—the cause was again a political roadshow.

At a time when the collective mindspace is occupied by students stranded in war-hit Ukraine, and more recently, the hijab row, the Mekedatu rally will not find much resonance with the public. The Congress appears to have miscalculated and certainly does not have its finger on the people's pulse. If anything, the *padayatra* appears jinxed: it had run afoul of the HC for blatant violation of Covid-19 norms in January, and this time for causing inconvenience to the public. The court is only completing the task it took up a year ago when it suo motu initiated a PIL petition on huge traffic jams caused due to frequent protests on public roads. The Calcutta and Rajasthan HCs have made similar observations and imposed restrictions on political rallies, which only shows that our elected representatives need the courts to prevent them from acting in an irresponsible manner.

The effort to airlift students from Ukraine is heroic. But have we spent time finding out why they went there in the first place, without even knowing the language of the land?

WINNING THE NARRATIVE BATTLE, BUT LOSING THE WAR?

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SOUMYADIP SINHA

As this column goes to press, I am looking forward to participating in the ThinkEdu Conclave, March 8–9, organised by *The New Indian Express*. In this column, I want to highlight two issues flagged in my new book, *JNU: Nationalism and India's Uncivil War* before the decision makers of the land, the distinguished audience and the general public when it comes to the crisis in higher education in India.

The first issue concerns India's narrative wars. In ongoing discussions, friends often ask me why the dominant, Left-Liberal, Congress-sponsored narrative about India is so durable. They wonder how it continues to rule not only mainstream media, but also academics, diplomacy, culture, arts, literature and other domains of soft power, even when the UPA is out of power at the Centre and the Congress routed in most states in India.

But to understand the persistence of residual Left-Liberal soft power, the explanation that the Congress ruled nearly 60 of the 75 years of post-Independence India is not entirely adequate. Actually, even after the manifest failures of Congress-style socialism and secularism, their idea of India is prevalent not only in our country, but in many parts of the world.

The reason for its depth and tenacity is that it is more insidious than historical. The fact that this idea of India, as a continuation of the older colonial narrative, is easily supported by current Anglophone and Anglocentric, neo-colonial stereotypes is not understood by many. In this narrative, much of the glory of ancient India is a myth, propped up by the Right-wing, Hindu nationalist fantasies of a lost golden age, which in itself is an orientalist invention.

The neo-Ambedkarite debunking of ancient India as caste-ridden, oppressive and thus fit for rejection is, therefore, one vital plank. This unyielding opposition to any positive reconsideration of classical India is crucial to the modernist-Marxist-secularist agenda. It helps perpetually to divide Hindus between the guilty savarnas and the outraged avarnas, the latter constantly in need of reverse discrimination, if not appeasement.

Then there is the minority constituency to cater to. Here, the argument advanced is that the Hindu majority is unfit to assume and wield power. That's why Hindu deities, festivals, practices and texts are ridiculed or undermined at every opportunity. Numerically significant Muslims and the theologically well-equipped Christians are discouraged from joining the majoritarian formation led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Instead, minorities are constantly provoked and bamboozled to criticise the ruling dispensation.

Minority resentment and insecurity is stoked by highlighting, even fabricating, atrocities against them, thus demonising the majority as perpetrators of violence and hatred against the weak and defenceless sections of society. Shaheen Bagh is only the latest example of this. The entire history of India must be seen, as per the LeLi strategic playbook, as one endless series of foreign conquests, with little native resistance or spine, let alone a coherent cultural, social, economic or political order.

India is thus projected as a weak state that should not aspire for greatness, either domestically or internationally. It should remain a second-rate power, part of some larger alliance led by one superpower or other. Any assertion or will to power is castigated as jingoistic sabre-rattling, dangerous to national security and threatening to peace in the neighbourhood.

India as a weak, divided country, with a fragmented society, internally contradicted polity, controversial history and confused self-identity would be easier to rule by people who claim to be its guardians by virtue of not belonging to any group, region, language or community. Essentially outsiders, they gather around them representatives of various interest groups and power-brokers, distributing the largesse of office in proportion to their supporters' efficacy or utility. This non-patriotic alliance of opportunists has only one binding glue: their own selfish interest to retain power at all costs.

When we feel badly about ourselves and our past, when we have little hope for the future, our Left-Liberal elites become happy. This is because they can tell us that only they can keep this ragtag, divided nation, with its unwashed, benighted masses, together. That is why I have been arguing that the battle that we face as a nation is not only between two political formations or ideologies, but between two ideas of India itself. One is informed by idealism, hope and the prospect of greatness. The other stokes our fears, resentments, doubts, confusions and insecurities.

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The second issue has to do with brain drain. We all know how at the outbreak of the crisis in Ukraine, there were over 17,000 Indian students in that country, mostly studying medicine. Many of them are now back in India. The effort to airlift them home is heroic. But have we spent enough time finding out why they went to Ukraine to study medicine in the first place, without even knowing the language of the land?

We witness the phenomenal flight of young people out of India each year after failing to find a place in our reservation-locked system. The estimates are that there are over 10 lakh Indian students abroad, of which over 2 lakhs each are currently in the US and Canada alone. Only a small percentage of them are on scholarship. The remaining pay huge fees, often taking massive loans to cover costs.

We not only suffer from brain drain, but also from capital flight. Apart from the US and Canada, there are thousands of Indian students in the UK, Australia, Singapore and so on. Thus, we have created a system in India that encourages the export of both talent and money. We spend an estimated $15 billion or more on these students each year, enough to fund over 300 JNUs in India.

As somebody who has spent all his life studying or teaching, I am worried. As a country, we are not only falling behind in the field of education but will soon cease to be competitive if we continue like this. The only reason why we have survived is due to the tremendous creative energies of our people, who find informal and unorthodox solutions to extremely complex problems.

The entire future hangs in balance. If we lose what little we have now, it is difficult to imagine how we can remain at the forefront of the new economy, which is a knowledge economy. This neglect of our education system is especially lamentable if we remember that we have been a knowledge society for over 3,000 years. But today, we seem to have fallen into tremendous ignorance and apathy.

We can change all this. India can be a profitable hub of education not only in the Global South, but in the wider world. Brands such as the IITs and IIMs already have global recognition and bandwidth. I was told that the government has finally allowed the former to open campuses abroad, but nothing on the ground has happened as yet.

There are several other Indian universities and institutions that can also be competitive, attractive and affordable if they become true centres of learning and excellence, rather than just of politicking, picketing or picnicking. If we don't react fast, foreign universities, where our best youth will prefer to study despite the hefty fees, will overrun our own country. That, unfortunately, will be the prelude to the recolonisation of India.

A lot needs to be done. The question is: Do we have the political will to do it?

(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

FINDING THE THIRUVARUR LEGEND IN LEPAKSHI, AP

SAURABH SAXENA
Founder of Puratattva, a documentation of heritage sites

The Virabhadra Temple in Andhra Pradesh's Lepakshi is famous for its Vijayanagara period architecture and mural paintings. The town was an important trade and cultural centre in its heydays during the sixteenth century CE and the credit goes solely to the two enterprising brothers, Virupanna and Viranna, officers in the court of the Vijayanagara king Achyuta Deva Raya (1529–1542 CE). Being ardent Shiva devotees, they extended the marginal Papavinasa temple into a buzzing temple complex adorned with multiple shrines and mandapas.

There is an interesting legend about the construction of the Virabhadra temple. Virupanna, a treasurer in the service of King Achyuta Deva Raya, found an image of God Virabhadra and decided to construct a temple. He utilised the funds from the royal treasury for the construction. While the last part of the Kalyana mandapa was on the verge of completion, the king got the news of his treasury being exhausted due to the temple construction. He was enraged and ordered that Virupanna should be blinded. Virupanna was a loyal servant and hearing the sentence, he executed it on the spot by plucking his two eyes and dashing those against the temple wall. Two red spots on the western wall of the temple are said to be the spots where the eyes were dashed against. Virupanna soon died leaving the Kalyana mandapa unfinished.

The Virabhadra temple has some exquisite and rare mural paintings of the Vijayanagara period. One important mural painting in its Natya mandapa is that of the legendary king Manu Neeti Chola, also known as Ellalan or Elara. The story of the king is mentioned in the Sri Lankan Buddhist chronicle *Mahavamsa*, which says Elara was a Damila (Tamil) of noble descent who came to Sri Lanka from the Chola country. He seized the throne from king Asela and ruled for a good 44 years, administering justice evenly towards friends and foes. He had a bell fixed at the head of his bed, and the rope of the bell was extended till the entrance of the palace. The objective was to allow people to ring the bell as and when they desired justice. Once, the prince was going on his chariot, and on its way, a calf came under the wheels unintentionally. The calf died on the spot and the mother cow in her grief approached the palace and rang the bell. Setting an example of justice, the king caused the prince's head to be severed under the wheels of the same chariot.

The legend of King Manu Neeti Chola is further extended and retold in the *Periya Puranam*, a Tamil work of the 12th century CE. We shall see what it says. Thiruvarur was a holy and divine city of the Cholas. It was ruled by king Anapaya, a descendant of Manu of the solar race. A just ruler, he came to be known as Manu Neeti Chola. The son of the king killed a calf under his chariot wheel. Knowing that he had committed a grave sin, the prince approached the Brahmins to expiate his sin. When the cow approached the palace and rang the bell, the king came to know about the accident. When asked, the ministers told the king that the prince might expiate the sin following the rules laid down for cow slaughter. The king did not agree and explained that expiating the sin the way that they suggested would not cure the agony of the cow. The king announced his verdict that his son should meet the same faith as that of the dead calf. The king took the prince to a street and executed the sentence by riding the chariot over the prince's body. Lord Shiva was pleased by the act of the king and appeared in the form of Veeti Vitangka to bring the calf and the prince back to life.

There are not many depictions of the Manu Neeti legend and only a few are known; there are two famous murals, one in the Thyagaraja Temple, Thiruvarur, and another in Lepakshi. The legend is closely associated with Thiruvarur and its presence at Lepakshi is surprising. Was there any specific reason behind its selection by the designers of the Virabhadra temple? From the wealth of inscriptions about various grants and other activities of munificence at the site, we come to know that Virupanna had very cordial relations with the king. As a governor of Lepakshi, Virupanna would have also demonstrated the qualities of a just ruler following the principles laid down by the political texts and the court. As Virupanna was instrumental in the overall design and execution of the temple, the selection of the Manu Neeti Chola story was made as a demonstration of his unprejudiced and impartial rule. Reminiscences of the same were later developed into the legend where Virupanna is depicted as a loyal servant of the king, someone who executed the ruler's sentence against him with his own hands.

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Manu Neeti Chola mural in the Natya mandapa of the Virabhadra Temple in Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh: (L) The king hears the cow that asks for justice; (R) After the ruler decides that his son should meet the same fate as the dead calf, the sentence is executed

MAILBAG

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Was India's decision right?

I wonder whether the decision taken by the Narendra Modi government to repeatedly abstain in the UN over Russia's invasion of Ukraine is correct or not. It looks as if the prime minister has conveniently forgotten the fact that the BRICS Delhi Resolution to which both India and Russia are signatories commits to resolving all disputes by peaceful means and is opposed to unilateral use of force against any state. Russia, one of the founder members of BRICS, has violated that resolution.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Help neighbours too

This is with reference to the article *Learning from great airlift during Kuwait crisis* (Mar 4). The vivid description of the historic airlift reveals the presence of mind and the sagacity with which our officials handled the situation successfully. It is hoped that our officials will rise to the occasion and assist not just Indian students out of Ukraine but also render help to the extent possible to those belonging to neighbouring countries.

N Rama Rao, Chennai

Welcome moves

It is good and timely that the Centre is mulling over accommodating students returning from Ukraine in medical colleges here. Similarly, it is welcome that the Supreme Court has requested the Attorney General to use his good offices to help evacuate medical students stranded in Ukraine.

E Sethuramalingam, Kollam

Huge loss for cricket

It's with disbelief that the cricketing world received the tragic news of the death of two of the greats of the game. Rodney Marsh was one of the greatest wicketkeepers and had the tough task of keeping to the express pace of Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson for many years. Shane Warne will remain the greatest legspinner of our times, a man who created magic and bamboozled many of his contemporary batsmen. It's really shocking and sad to read Warne's tweet expressing his condolences over Marsh's demise; within a few hours, we heard about his untimely demise. Fifty-two years is no age to leave the world and the cricket world will take time to come to terms with these tragedies.

CM Umanath, Kozhikode

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mayawati @Mayawati
Opposition parties tried hard to make UP elections in their favor by adopting all kinds of tactics. The aggrieved people are sticking to their basic issues.

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
People of J&K have been paying with their lives and sadly neither India nor Pakistan are doing anything to end the conflict and stop this bloodshed.

Varun Gandhi @varungandhi80
The Ukraine dispute left students mentally broken. On one side there are bitter memories of the battle-field & on the other, the future hangs in balance.

NCM decision allowing students to complete internships in India will not benefit those yet to complete MBBS

Internship move unlikely to help most evacuees

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

THE National Medical Commission (NMC) may have allowed graduates from foreign medical colleges, who have not finished internships, to complete it in India, but most of those evacuated from Ukraine will not benefit as they are yet to finish their undergraduate MBBS courses.

Only a small number of foreign medical graduates will benefit, provided they can clear the challenging Foreign Medical Graduates Examination (FMGE), experts said.

According to Dr Rohan Krishnan, national president of Federation of All India Medical Association, "The NMC announcement is like waving a lollipop in front of them. It will not help the undergraduate medical students evacuated from Ukraine."

As an internship in Ukraine was not even valid in India, the NMC announcement will help those students who had taken their final exams and were undergoing their training in the eastern European country but could not complete it due to the war, he said.

"It would have been better if the government had issued an advisory for the students in Ukraine and Russia and other eastern European countries to continue online classes and complete their MMBS course, even if it takes them longer. The NMC rule clearly says that one can complete their course in 10 years," he said.

Dr Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, a former member of the Medical Council of India, said, "It is just posturing by NMC. It is only for final year students and won't help the majority of these evacuees. Moreover, cracking FMGE is not easy."

According to Dr. G S Grewal, president of Delhi Medical Association, "I am not able to understand why this panic? We should have waited for two months. Do we want to induct them into medical colleges and then create a problem? It would have been better to wait and watch. Government has to work out a policy. If the students want to stay back and study, then the government should come out with guidelines."

An Indian student, evacuated from war-torn Ukraine, being welcomed by her family upon her arrival at Delhi's IGI Airport | PTI

Injured student will return today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIAN student Harjot Singh, who was shot in Kyiv a few days ago, is returning to Delhi on Monday, Union Minister VK Singh said.

The former army chief was in Poland to facilitate evacuation of students who had crossed over to the neighbouring country from Ukraine.

In Delhi, Harjot's family members said they were "very, very happy" after hearing the news but added they were yet to received any written or verbal communication from the government. "We are eagerly awaiting for his arrival and got this news through news channels only," said Harjot's father Kesar Singh.

Harjot's brother Prabhjot said they were unable to contact Harjot on Sunday as the doctor's number with the help of which he was calling them was unreachable

Earlier in the day, Singh had announced on Twitter that soon Harjot would be home soon. "Harjot Singh is the Indian who was shot during the war in Kyiv. His passport was also lost in the chaos," Singh tweeted, adding that the youth will land in India with him on Monday. "Hope there is a speedy recovery with home food and care," the minister stated.

On February 27, Harjot and his two friends were travelling in a cab trying to escape Kyiv when he was hit by bullets.

PM Modi attributes evacuation success to India's rising global stature

PM Narendra Modi on Sunday said India's ability to evacuate citizens from war-hit Ukraine was a sign of the country"s growing influence in the global arena and likened the success of Operation Ganga to the government's handling of the coronavirus situation. The PM inaugurated various development projects. "We have evacuated our people safely ... Even big countries are facing difficulty in doing so, but it's India's increasing resilience that thousands of students have been evacuated...It is due to India's growing influence that it has brought thousands of students from the war zone of Ukraine back to their motherland," he said at an event at Symbiosis University.

Plea in top court for accommodating students in Indian medical colleges

A plea has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Centre and others to accommodate the medical students returning from Ukraine in Indian medical colleges with appropriate Indian or foreign degrees as a one-time measure. The plea says in the alternative, the Centre and the states be asked to coordinate with the authorities in Ukraine and declare some seats in the central, state or private medical colleges as overseas campuses of Ukrainian institutes for the purpose of continuation of studies as a one-time emergency measure till normalcy returns in the war-hit east European country. The plea was filed by two advocates.

Ukrainian woman married to a Kashmiri worried for kin, spending sleepless nights

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Russian invasion of Ukraine is giving sleepless nights to a Ukrainian woman-married to a Kashmiri. Olesia Mazur has already lost one of her close friends in the Russian bombing and is concerned about the safety of her family members back home. She, however, has refused to appeal to Russian President Vladimir Putin to end the war.

"I don't want to make any appeal to Putin. He is not a human. I will instead appeal to the people and mothers of Russia to force their government to stop the war," said Olesia, who is married to Bilal Ahmad and has been living with her in-laws at Madoora, Tral in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. The couple has two kids.

Olesia, who hails from Zhytomyr, which is situated west of Ukraine's capital Kyiv, had married Bilal, who was working in a Kashmir handicraft showroom in Goa, in 2014.

"I can't sleep because I don't know what will happen during the night in Ukraine. My parents and grandmother are old, they can't move out in case the war escalates," Olesia said.

She said the first thing she does in the morning is to phone her parents. "I call them many times a day to know about the situation.

Her husband said ever since the war started, Olesia has been disturbed. "She talks less, eats little, remains glued to TV."

ZAHOOR PUNJABI

I call my parents many times a day to know what is the situation there and how they are doing. And before going to bed also, I make sure to talk to them on phone

OLESIA MAZUR

Desperate students in Sumy clinging to hope

NEW DELHI: The wait for despairing Indian students stuck in Ukraine is getting longer and longer. With fierce fighting preventing their movement, they abandoned the idea of undertaking an arduous journey to the Russian border on foot a day after the Indian government assured them they will be evacuated safely.

Jisna Jiji, a 25-year-old medical student, said they have no option but to wait patiently. With most roads and bridges destroyed and no transport available, Jiji said it is "impossible" to reach the border. "Moreover, we have heard that a few foreign students who had managed to reach the border were sent back by the military. So we have decided to wait."

Aashiq Hussain Sarkar, another medical student, tweeted, "Every day at 6 AM students are waiting for buses on the road. We still believe today is the day. But they keep postponing the date every day. So please don't break our hopes."

"We are still in Sumy. We have not got any update yet when will we be evacuated. But we cannot continue like this for longer. Our problems are increasing day by day. We appeal to the government to update us immediately," said a girl in a video message.

"There is no water here, electricity supply has been disrupted. There's no money in ATMs, girls don't have sanitary napkins," said another despairing student in the same video. *PTI*

'STRONGEST PARTY NEEDED IN DRIVING SEAT FOR OPPN UNITY'

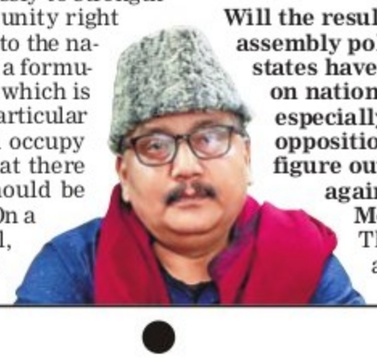
OPPOSITION unity cannot come about by sidelining the Congress, **Manoj Kumar Jha**, Rajya Sabha MP and one the prominent leaders of the Rashtriya Janata Dal, told **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** in an interview. Excerpts:

How is the RJD working to maintain opposition unity at a time when some of the parties are trying to build a national Third-Front?
The biggest issue for opposition unity is to develop a pragmatic content-based programme with all parties pitching in...The RJD has been working tirelessly to strengthen opposition unity right from the state to the national level on a formula that a party which is stronger in a particular region should occupy the driving seat there and others should be co-travellers. On a national level, the party with a stronger national position should take the driving seat.

TMC is learnt to be working for developing a non-Congress-led front. What's your party's view on that?
My leaders Lalu Prasad Yadav and Tejashwi Yadav have repeatedly said that you cannot draw a larger canvas of opposition unity setting aside a national party like the Congress. All opposition parties will have to understand the need of hour is to take on the BJP collectively in the LS polls.

Will the results of assembly polls in five states have an impact on national politics, especially with opposition yet to figure out a face against PM Modi?
The results of assembly polls will give a new direction to opposition leaders that what they precisely need is not to allow the 2024 elections to be the 'person-centered'. The elections should be fought collectively on issues like unemployment, poverty and inflation. When you have a person-centric politics, it results in narcissism, which is against democratic ethos.

Tejashwi recently had a meeting with DMK leader M K Stalin at a programme that was also attended by Rahul Gandhi and other opposition leaders. Was that meeting aimed at finding a way for another opposition front excluding the TMC?
That's a wrong assumption. Tejashwi Yadav had a meeting with Tamil Nadu CM Stalin on the occasion of release of his autobiography. Of course, he also talked about how the BJP has vitiated the political atmosphere in the country.



Govt sets timelines for black money probe

SHAHID FARIDI @New Delhi

THE Union government has changed the rules to bring in timelines for expeditious prosecution of cases of undisclosed foreign income and assets and black money stashed abroad.

As per the new rules, once a probe is initiated in an undisclosed foreign income or asset, the relevant foreign authorities should be approached under available tax treaties/legal instruments within 21 days.

A follow-up reference to the foreign authorities, if any, is now required to be made within 15 days. The assessing officer is also required to provide to the CBDT within 15 days any additional information or clarification about the reference made to a foreign authority.

The changes in rules governing conduct of officials are aimed at closing loopholes and efficient and expeditious implementation of the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, or the 'BM Act'.

The government had noticed that in spite of specific information, investigations dragged on endlessly, thereby defeating the very purpose of the Act. Therefore, it decided to bring in timelines.

The new rules state that the assessing officer should issue a show-cause notice to the assessee within 30 days of receipt of information from all sources, including foreign authorities, and completion of further enquiries. The assessing officer is then required to put up within 30 days a draft assessment order for approval by his concerned senior officer. The senior officer is required to respond to this within 15 days. In case the senior officer suggests further enquiry, it should be completed by the assessing officer within the time period specified by his senior. If no further enquiry is required, the assessing officer is required to pass the assessment order within seven days of receiving approval from his senior.

After the assessment order is passed and approved, the same is required to be submitted to the head of the department within 30 days. And once the head of the department accords sanction for filing of prosecution complaint, the assessing officer is required to file such a complaint before the competent court within 15 days of receipt of sanction. The assessing officer is required to then inform the details of the case to the Enforcement Directorate within 15 days of filing such a case.

In order to cut the time period in dealing with black money cases, a scheme of concurrent jurisdiction was also introduced whereby the investigating officer (IO) was given the dual charge of assessing officer. Under this scheme, the CBDT empowered the IOs to act as assessing officers to expeditiously deal with the cases. The decision enabled the IOs of the income tax department to undertake assessment, prosecution and other related functions under the BM Act.

This was done as most of the cases of undisclosed foreign income/assets were detected by officers of the investigating directorates. These officers would then hand over the cases after completing their investigation to assessing officers for further action. The assessing officers then went over the entire case afresh. And the cases dragged on. With the scheme of concurrent jurisdiction, the cases are expected to conclude quickly.

With the new changes in rules, many prominent cases, including those revealed in the Pandora Papers, are likely to reach a conclusion.

Move for speedy conclusion of cases

In spite of specific information, probes dragged on endlessly. In some cases, even after probe was completed and a water-tight case made, it was kept pending till the time-barring date. So, the government decided to bring in timelines for expeditious conclusion of cases.

POWER GAMES

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IMPENDING SHAKEUP IN MEA

EXTENSION FOR SHRINGLA, TIRUMURTI

Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan is abuzz with the possibility of an extension for foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and permanent representative of India to the United Nations, T S Tirumurti. These two top officers of the Ministry for External Affairs (MEA) are set to retire next month. With international relations entering a sensitive phase, there is a possibility of the government favouring continuity over change. However, names of their possible replacement are also being discussed. There are about half-a-dozen senior officers under consideration to replace Shringla. Among these are the ambassador in US Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Sanjay Chandra (ambassador in Japan), Vinay Kwatra (Nepal), Jaideep Sarkar (South Africa) and Ruchira Kamboj (Bhutan). One of them may also be picked up as a replacement for Tirumurti. Meanwhile, the government has decided to elevate ambassador to Saudi Arabia Ausaf Sayeed to the rank of secretary. He is likely to take charge in the middle of March and will handle the CPV (Consular, Passport, Visa) division. He will also handle the West Asia and North Africa divisions. Sayeed will replace Sanjay Bhattacharyya who has been appointed as ambassador to Switzerland. With the post of ambassador set to fall vacant in Riyadh, intense lobbying has started. Among the frontrunners are India's ambassador in Lebanon Suhel Ajaz Khan and Principal Secretary in Madhya Pradesh government Faiz Ahmad Kidwai. Both these officers have served in Riyadh as consul general.

MEDIA MATTERS

SIBAL, BHUSHAN JUMP INTO PIONEER POTBOILER

Battle for the control of Pioneer, the 150-year-old newspaper, has reached the penultimate stage with top lawyers Prashant Bhushan and Kapil Sibal now jumping into the fray. Albeit both are on the same side this time, this tug of war seems to have escalated to a new level altogether. The family of Pioneer's late owner and editor Chandan Mitra, and the present editor, printer and publisher who had lost the case in NCLT and NCLAT, appealed through two separate petitions in the Supreme Court before the bench of Justice Nageswara Rao, which granted them ex-parte stay. The newspaper has been facing acute shortage of funds for the last few years. It has huge accumulated dues. Payments are pending towards employees, suppliers, franchisees, IT department, Noida authority, and many others. The paper was taken to court by its editorial director Amit Goel for non-payment of dues by way of salaries and unsecured loans. NCLT ruled in favour of Goel on January 19, 2021 and appointed a Resolution Professional. The Mitras and their Printer & Publisher Narender Kumar appealed against the NCLT order in NCLAT. NCLAT again ruled in Goel's favour dismissing the appeal in December 2021. The entry of Sibal for the Mitras is interesting as it shows his interest in media hasn't died down.

BACK TO BOOZE-NESS

PONTY'S SON MAY ENTER LIQUOR BUSINESS

One of the most abiding rags-to-riches stories in Delhi-NCR is that of Gurdeep Singh Chadha, better known as Ponty Chadha. The Sardar who came out of nowhere dominated the liquor distribution business in north India and built malls and multiplexes and a real estate empire worth thousands of crores of rupees. His untimely death thrust the mantle on his young son Manpreet Chadha (a.k.a Monty Chadha) and brother Rajinder Chadha (a.k.a Raju Chadha). The two soon parted ways and divided the empire between themselves, with Raju getting film and liquor businesses and Monty taking over real estate, malls and multiplexes. But with the real estate business collapsing and Covid destroying malls and multiplexes, Monty is said to be looking at entering the group's original money spinner – the liquor business. Insiders say Ajay Bijli's PVR group is all set to buy Monty Chadha's multiplexes which run over three dozen screens under the Wave brand. The proceeds of the sale would most likely be used to set up a liquor business. The decision would pit him directly against uncle Raju as both share contacts built by late Ponty Chadha.

EXPRESS READ

Kashmiri journalist arrested hours after bail

SRINAGAR: Fahad Shah, editor of a news portal and local news magazine, *The Kashmir Walla*, was arrested by police for the third time in another case hours after he was granted bail by a court. Shopian's judicial magistrate on Saturday granted bail to 33-year-old Shah in a case filed against the magazine in January 2021. On Sunday, Srinagar police arrested him in a case filed against him in May 2020 over reporting an encounter in Srinagar in May 2020. It is the third time that police has arrested Fahad Shah since February 4.

LANGUAGE BANDH

Jharkhand bandh call given by some outfits on Sunday to press their demand for inclusion of Bhojpuri and Magahi in the list of recognised regional languages of Dhanbad and Bokaro districts, evoked a mixed response

3 KILLED IN BUS ACCIDENT IN SHAHDOL DIST, MP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	17	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	34	21	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	30	19	Patna	33	16
Amritsar	26	12	Lucknow	32	18
Chennai	29	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	32	19	Imphal	33	08
Srinagar	08	03	Chandigarh	31	15

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2022 DECIDE

Will form next govt in UP: SP chief

LUCKNOW: SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday said the alliance led by his party will emerge victorious in the UP Assembly polls and will work to safeguard the rights of the people of the state. He urged people to vote in large numbers in the seventh and final phase of the election on Monday to save democracy and the Constitution. In the seventh phase of the election, voting will be held on 54 Assembly seats spread over nine districts. Yadav claimed that in the first six phases of the election, the voters have already given the stamp of victory to the SP.

EC's international outreach event today

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission will organise an international election visitors programme (IEVP) for foreign poll management bodies on March 7 when UP votes in the last phase of Assembly polls. More than 135 delegates from over 26 countries across the world and four international organisations, including International IDEA, International Foundation of Electoral Systems, Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) and Community of Democracies, will participate in the virtual event.

Retaining strongholds key for BJP, SP in today's final

Both parties also trying to expand footprints in each other's bastion

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Varanasi

AS the poll juggernaut in UP enters the seventh gate of the proverbial *chakrvyuh* comprising nine districts of Purvanchal on Monday, the stage is decked up with Modi-Yogi combination of the ruling BJP on one side and the Akhilesh Yadav-led alliance on the other. In the middle, Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Congress are seen trying to get a foothold.

If the ruling BJP has the tough task of sustaining its dominance besides making forays into the so-far unexplored territories, the main opposition, SP, faces the challenge of not only defending its stronghold in Azamgarh but also expanding its influence across the region. In a way, both BJP and SP will depend on their respective allies' performance to sail through in the region.

In 2017, 29 of the 54 seats in the fray were won by the BJP and seven by its allies — Apna Dal (S) and Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP). The SP was victorious on 11 seats and six had gone to BSP. NISHAD had won one seat in Bhadohi. Congress had failed to open account in this phase in 2017.

However, this time the SBSP is contesting as SP ally.

BJP is depending on the charisma of PM Narendra Modi as the sole influencer in the region. Taking command of the BJP campaign in his hands, Modi camped in Varanasi, his parliamentary constituency, for 29 hours to make the equations favourable for the party. It is believed that Modi's presence in Varanasi on poll eve might have turned the situation in the saffron camp's favour.

Besides, the BJP has also been pinning hopes on the beneficiaries of welfare schemes and the women voters among whom the law and order issue is seen to have a resonance.

The Nishad party, which contested independently, had won one seat in 2017. This outfit, representing the boatmen community present in considerable chunks across eastern UP, is now with the BJP and has three candidates in the final phase.

On the other, SBSP, in alliance with the SP, is set to benefit the main opposition party in its final assault. SBSP, led by OP Rajbhar, is contesting 17 seats across the state of which eight are at stake in the final phase. The SP leadership is banking upon Rajbhar votes combining with the strong presence of Yadav-OBCs in the eastern region.

SP may also poach upon BJP's Kurmi vote bank which had shifted to it in 2017 after its alliance with Apna Dal (S) led by Anupriya Patel, younger daughter of tall Kurmi leader of the region Sonelal Patel. This time, Akhilesh Yadav has made the other faction — Apna Dal (K) — led by Anupriya's mother Krishna Patel, part of his rainbow alliance. While Apna Dal (S) is contesting four seats, the other faction is contesting five seats in alliance with the SP in the final phase.

In Jaunpur, Ghazipur and Chanduli, the BJP had only got partial success in 2017. It had won four of the nine Jaunpur seats, three of the seven Ghazipur seats and four of the five Chanduli seats. SP had won three seats in Jaunpur, two in Ghazipur and one in Chandauli. In Azamgarh, which has dominant Muslim-Yadav factor, BJP could bag just one of 10 segments here in 2017. Azamgarh has been a fortress of the SP which had won five of the 10 seats in 2017. Four had gone to the BSP.

In neighbouring Mau, the bastion of mafia don-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari who is the sitting MLA and currently in jail, eyes will set on his son Abbas Ansari who is contesting on SBSP ticket. The SP hopes that along with Rajbhar factor and Ansaris' clout, Mau will be regained. In 2017, the BJP had won three of the four seats in the district.

Polling officials in Varanasi a day ahead of the final leg of the UP election | PTI

BIG FIGHTS OF LAST LEG

In the seventh and final phase of UP Assembly election on Monday, the battle is more or less direct between BJP and SP in eastern UP

VARANASI SOUTH 2017 | BJP

This is one of the most prestigious seats in UP. BJP has had a winning run since 1989 through 'Dada' Shyamdeo Roy Chaudhury, who won the seat seven times. UP's information and culture minister Neelkanth Tiwari(1) replaced Chaudhury in 2017 and won the seat. This time, Tiwari is back in the fray facing strong anti-incumbency and a stiff challenge from Kameshwar Dixit(2) of SP. Like Tiwari, Dixit is also a lawyer, and the head priest of Maha Mrityunjay temple

VARANASI CANTT 2017 | BJP

It's a family seat of Srivastavas since 1991. Sitting BJP MLA Saurabh Srivastava is the son of Harish Chandra and Jyotsana Srivasatava, who have won the seats six times — Jyotsana four times and Harish Chandra twice. Saurabh is facing Congress veteran Rajesh Mishra, a former MP from Varanasi. Mishra contested from Varanasi South last time and gave a tough fight to Neelkanth and is expected to do the same in Cantt this time. SP has fielded Puja Yadav, the district president of Samajwadi Mahila Sabha. BSP candidate is a Brahmin — Kaushik Kumar Pandey.

MAU SADAR 2017 | BSP

Mafia-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari has maintained his strong hold over the seat since 1996. In 2017, Ansari won as a BSP candidate. Lodged in jail for over two decades, this time, Mukhtar has been replaced by son Abbas(1), contesting as a SBSP candidate. OP Rajbhar's SBSP is in alliance with SP. Abbas is being challanged by BJP's Ashok Singh(2). In 2009, Ashok's brother Ajay Pratap Singh alias Manna was shot in broad daylight. Mukhtar was the main accused in the case.

ZAHURABAD 2017 | SBSP

After winning the seat for the first time in alliance with the BJP in 2017, SBSP's OP Rajbhar parted ways with NDA after much bitterness. Now in one of the most bitterly fought contests in the state, all the three main contestants have won the seat at least once in the past. While OP Rajbhar is in fray with SP's support, BJP has fielded SP turncoat Kalicharan Rajbhar, who had won the seat twice in 2002 and 2007, but on a BSP ticket. The third key contestant is BSP's Syeda Shadab Fatima, a former minister in the Akhilesh government, but switched over to BSP just before the nominations when OP Rajbhar jumped into the fray as SP-SBSP candidate.

GHOSI 2017 | BJP

Former BJP minister Dara Singh Chauhan(1), who was among the eight BC leaders who quite the saffron camp to join the SP mid-January, has shifted from his traditional seat of Madhuban trying his luck from this seat once known as a Left bastion. Since 1985, the present Bihar governor Fagu Chauhan has dominated the seat. While Fagu's son Ram Vilas has been fielded from Madhuban, BJP has roped in Vijay Rajbhar(2). Vijay is expected to get support of over 60,000 Rajbhars here.

MOHAMMADABAD 2017 | BJP

Stage is set for Rai versus Ansari battle in this seat in Ghazipur with sitting BJP MLA Alka Rai being in the fray again. This time, SP has fielded the son of Sibghatullah Ansari, Suhaib alias Mannu from the seat. Brother of jailed don Mukhtar Ansari, Sibghatullah has been a two-time MLA from Mohammadabad. His other brother Afzal Ansari is a BSP MP from Ghazipur. Alka is wife of Krishnanand Rai who was gunned down in November 2005. It is alleged that Mukhtar was behind the killing.

STRATEGIES

National-level meet of RSS a day after poll results

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ahmedabad

A three-day meeting of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) 'All India Representatives Meet' is being convened from March 11 to 13 near Ahmedabad.

This meeting will be attended by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, BJP national president J P Nadda, and B L Santosh, who represents the RSS in BJP at the national level. Santosh undertook an operation to change all faces in the BJP government six months ago to break the anti-incumbency in Gujarat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is also expected to be present in Gujarat during the same period.

The meeting is scheduled to discuss the current situation of the RSS' sister organisations. An RSS official said that Modi's scheduled visit at the time of the meeting is just a co-incidence. "About 1,500 volunteers from all over the country along with BJP national president JP Nadda and Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale, Sahsarkaryavah Manmohan Vaidya, and BJP general secretary B L Santosh, are likely to be present," the official said.

Political analyst Dilip Patel said: "The presence of B L Santosh indicates many things. Santosh is responsible for the change in the BJP governments of Uttarakhand and Karnataka, including the chief ministers. Therefore, in addition to the forthcoming Gujarat elections, a new strategy may be formulated at the national level meeting based on the results of the five states."

He said Gujarat has always been an experimental playground for the RSS. If their agenda succeeds here, it will be replicated all over the country.

EXPRESS READ

PM condoles death of Vajpayee's aide

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Sunday condoled the death of Shiv Kumar Pareek, a long-time aide of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Pareek, who was in his 80s, died on Saturday following a spell of illness. "Saddened by the passing away of Shri Shiv Kumar Pareek Ji. Firmly rooted in our Party's ideology, he devoted himself to service, nation building and worked closely with Atal Ji," he tweeted.

IAS officer-turned- MLC AK Sharma has been meeting eastern UP villagers | PTI

BJP's upper caste leaders bid to pacify Bhumihars

ANURAAG SINGH @ Varanasi

WHILE the predominantly caste-based parties in UP such as Apna Dal (S), Apna Dal (Kamerawadi), Nishad Party and Om Prakash Rajbhar's Suheldeo Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) are vying to create a niche for themselves by allying with major parties, the ruling BJP has deployed upper caste politicians to quell the resentment among a section of general category voters in the last phase of Assembly polls.

Two prominent BJP politicians — Union minister Giriraj Singh and IAS officer-turned-MLC AK Sharma — were pressed into action to quell the angst among Bhumihar voters in Varanasi and adjoining districts. The Bhumihars have significant presence in 12-15 out of the 54 seats of nine districts going to polls on Monday.

Both the leaders have been holding small meetings in Bhumihar-dominated villages of Varanasi's Sewapuri and Rohaniya seats for the last 5-7 days, where the upper caste voters have been upset with BJP denying tickets to candidates of their caste.

Arvind Kumar Sharma, the former bureaucrat and pointsman of PM Modi, held several meetings in Pindra, Rohaniya and Sewapuri, where the polarisation of Bhumihars has been helping the BJP's cause.

Sharma also focussed on campaigning among upper castes in Mau, Azamgarh and Ghazipur districts. Further, the presence of J&K L-G Manoj Sinha, who offered prayers at temples and attended marriages in the region, might indirectly boost the prospects of BJP candidates Alka Rai and Sunita Singh in Ghazipur as well as Avdhesh Singh of Pindra in Varanasi district.

According to BJP worker Hemant Rai, Bhumihars hold significant influence on seats of Ghazipur, Mau, Varanasi, Mirzapur, Chandauli and Jaunpu."Bhumihars played a key role in 2017 poll wins on Rohaniya, Pindra and Sewapuri in Varanasi, Manjhwan in Mirzapur and Mohamdabad and Ghazipur Sadar seats of Ghazipur. We are confident that focussed work by Union minister Giriraj Singh and MLC AK Sharma will help the BJP again," claimed Rai.

Five jawans killed in fratricide at BSF camp

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FIVE Border Security Force (BSF) jawans were killed and another seriously injured after their colleague allegedly opened fire at the force's camp near Amritsar on Sunday.

Sources said the killing was reported at the mess of the 114 Battalion of the BSF in Khasa near Amritsar about 20 km from the Attari-Wagah border. Constable Sateppa S K from Karnataka allegedly opened fire with his duty weapon on his own colleagues. He, too, was found dead. However, it couldn't be ascertained whether Sateppa shot himself or someone else shot him. Some say he turned the weapon on himself, while some claim that other jawans present in the mess shot him. "It might have been a ricochet that killed the accused. It is unclear as of now," said an officer.

"Sateppa also fired at the vehicle of a senior officer of the 144 Battalion," said the officer on condition of anonymity.

The incident occurred at 10 am and victims were declared brought dead at two hospitals in Amritsar around 11 am. The deceased are all four head constables — Rattan Singh of J&K, Baljinder Kumar of Haryana, Toraskar DS from Maharastra, Ram Binod from Bihar besides Sateppa himself. One trooper was critically wounded and is undergoing treatment.

Preliminary reports suggest that Sateppa shot his colleagues as he was upset with his long duty hours and he had an argument with a senior BSF officer on Saturday.

In a statement, the BSF said: "In an unfortunate incident, five BSF troops were injured on March 6, due to fratricide committed by Ct Satteppa S K at HQ 144 Bn Khasa. Out of the six injured, five, including Satteppa, have lost their lives. One of the injured is critical. A court of inquiry has been ordered."

Civilian killed, 24 hurt in Srinagar grenade attack

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AN elderly civilian was killed and 24 others injured in a grenade attack by militants in Srinagar on Sunday.

Militants lobbed a grenade near Amira Kadal Bridge in uptown Srinagar at around 4.20 pm, when the area was abuzz with activities.

The grenade exploded with a big bang injuring 25 persons including 24 civilians and one policeman. The injured were rushed to nearby hospital, where one of the critically injured identified as Mohammad Aslam Makhdoomi, 60, succumbed to injuries. The doctors attending on the injured have termed the condition of an injured girl as "critical".

After the explosion, police, CRPF and officials rushed to the area. The security men laid siege around the area to conduct searches. However, no arrests were reported during the search operation.

A police official said police have launched a manhunt to track down the militants involved in the attack. "The security men are going through the CCTV footage of the area to identify the militants and track them," he said.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said police is working hard for identification and arrest of militants involved in today's grenade attack. "We will smash this grenade-throwing module at an earliest," he said, claiming that police have got some vital clues. After the grenade attack, security forces have increased deployment and security in Srinagar.

Security personnel near the grenade explosion site in Srinagar on Sunday | PTI

MON KILLINGS: NAGALAND SIT 'READY' WITH FINAL REPORT

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR
@ Guwahati

The Mon incident had revived demand for repealing AFSPA in the region

THE Nagaland government-constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT), which probed the December 4 killings of civilians in a botched up ambush by an elite unit of the Army in Mon, is likely to submit its final report (chargesheet) at a local court within the next 10 days.

The members of the SIT were not available for comment. However, a senior Nagaland government official said the final report was more or less ready. Earlier, the SIT had sent some material outside the state for forensic laboratory tests. "The SIT is expected to submit the final report to a court in Mon within the next 10 days," the official told this newspaper on Sunday.

The official also said that since the alleged crime was committed during the discharge of official duties, prosecution sanction from the central government would be required at the time of submission of the chargesheet.

"It is unclear if the chargesheet will be accompanied by the prosecution sanction. Before taking cognisance, the court may ask for it," the official said.

It appears unlikely that the Centre will give sanction for prosecution. It may tell the court that punishment will be given based on the "Court of Inquiry" conducted by the Army, the official said.

Whether or not to give prosecution sanction is an administrative decision by the executive to protect government servants who have acted in discharge of bonafide duties, the official added. The SIT, constituted a day after the carnage, was given one month to complete the investigation. It was formed with five officers and 16-17 others were co-opted in due course. It has five IPS officers.

On December 4, the Army soldiers had killed six coal miners near Oting village after "mistaking" them for extremists. Seven other civilians and a jawan were killed within hours at the same place when the villagers retaliated. Enraged, a mob of hundreds of people had attacked an Assam Rifles camp in Mon town the next day. The personnel opened fire during which a civilian was killed.

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> Nagaland government official

PUTIN THREATENS UKRAINE 'STATEHOOD'

Blames Ukrainian leadership for war, slams their resistance to invasion | Evacuation planned from Mariupol fails

LVIV

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin warned Saturday that Ukrainian statehood is in jeopardy and likened the West's sanctions on Russia to 'declaring war,' while a promised cease-fire in the besieged port city of Mariupol collapsed amid scenes of terror.

With the Kremlin's rhetoric growing fiercer and a reprieve from fighting dissolving, Russian troops continued to shell encircled cities and the number of Ukrainians forced from their country grew to 1.4 million. By night, Russian forces had intensified their shelling of Mariupol, while dropping powerful bombs on residential areas of Chernihiv, a city north of Kyiv, Ukrainian officials said.

Putin continued to pin the blame for the war squarely on the Ukrainian leadership and slammed their resistance to the invasion. "If they continue to do what they are doing, they are calling into question the future of Ukrainian statehood," he said. "And if this happens, it will be entirely on their conscience." He also hit out at Western sanctions that have crippled Russia's economy and sent the value of its currency tumbling. "These sanctions that are being imposed, they are akin to declaring war," he said. "But thank God, we haven't got there yet." Ten days after Russian forces invaded, the struggle to enforce temporary ceasefires in Mariupol and Volnovakha showed the fragility of efforts to stop the fighting across Ukraine.

A factory and a store are burning after being bombarded in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv in Ukraine on Sunday | AP/PTI

Ukrainian officials said Russian artillery fire and airstrikes prevented residents from leaving before the agreed-to evacuations began. Putin accused Ukraine of sabotaging the effort. A third round of talks between Russia and Ukraine will take place Monday, said Davyd Arakhamia, a member of the Ukrainian delegation. Previous meetings were held in Belarus and led to the failed cease-fire deal to create humanitarian corridors for the evacuation of children, women and older people from besieged cities. *AP*

Mastercard and Visa suspend ops in Russia

New York: Mastercard and Visa are suspending their operations in Russia, the companies said Saturday, in the latest blow to the country's financial system. Mastercard said cards issued by Russian banks will no longer be supported by its network and any Mastercard issued outside the country will not work at Russian stores or ATMs. Visa said it's working with clients and partners in Russia to cease all Visa transactions over the coming days. The announcements came within 16 minutes of each other.

Crackdown on media

New York: Russia on Sunday continued to block independent news outlets and arrest protesters to tighten control over what information domestic audience sees about the invasion of Ukraine. The addition to list of blocked media included Mediazona, a news site covering Russia's police and justice system.

Russia's warning

New York: The Russian military warned Ukraine's neighbouring countries from hosting its warplanes, saying Moscow may consider them a part of the conflict if Ukrainian aircraft fly combat missions from their territory. Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov charged Sunday that some Ukrainian combat planes had redeployed to Romania and other Ukraine neighbours he didn't identify.

EU leader says no to closing Ukraine airspace

Paris: European Union leader Charles Michel said Sunday closing Ukraine's airspace could spark a world war. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has repeatedly called on NATO countries to stop the Russian onslaught on his country by imposing a no-fly zone. Western leaders have refused for fear of triggering a wider war in Europe. Deploying fighter jets over Ukraine could 'in current circumstances' be considered as 'NATO's entry into the war and therefore risk World War III,' Michel said.

IAEA: Russia interfering at nuclear plant

Vienna: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Russian forces are tightening their grip on Zaporizhzhya nuclear plant that they seized last week. IAEA director general Rafael Mariano Grossi said Ukrainian staff members are now required to seek approval for any operation, even maintenance, from Russians, and they have impeded communications by switching off some mobile networks and internet at the site. Phone lines, as well as e-mails and fax, are no longer working.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **G. UDAY SHANKAR** S/o. Late **S. Gurumurthy Rao, (PDA Attorney)** aged about 58 years, Flat No. 102, "Gagan Gauravi Appt" 2nd Main, Srinivasa Layout, L.R. Bande Road, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru North-560032. have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **Smt. Rama Gurumurthy W/o. Late S. Gurumurthy Rao** who was **died on 16-01-2020** at Flat No. 102, "Gagan Gauravi Appt" 2nd Main, Srinivasa Layout, L.R. Bande Road, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru North-560032. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below **on or before 06/04/2022 in C Misc. No. 475/2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE
38th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
ASHOK RAO SHELKEY, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **MADAMMA W/o. Late Devaraj** aged about 50 years, Riat No. 4, 2nd Cross, 1st B main, Cholurpalya, Bangalore-560023, have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **Sri KUMARESH .D S/o. DEVARAJ** as he **died on 01-10-2018** at No. 105, 7th Cross, Cholurupalya, K.P. Agrahara, Bengaluru. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below **on or before 05/04/2022 in C Misc. No. 972/2022.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE
40th A.C.M.M BENGALURU
S. KALAVATHI, ADVOCATE

LOST

I, Kala Sunder R/o. No.27, 2nd Cross, Near M.S.Ramaiah Hospital, Devasandra., RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560094, represents that Canara Bank, Peenya Branch, Bangalore has lost the original Sale Deed4377/1989-90 dated 06.11.1989 along with other title documents for Property bearing New House List No. 41/A, Khatha No. 297/A, Krishnappa Extension, Sy. No. 74, 1st A Cross, AECS Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagashettihally Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru 560 094 In this regard I have lodged a Police Complaint on their portal. If found, please call me on 9980919080.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **MRS. AMREEN SULTANA**, W/o Mohammed Mujeerulla C.G., R/at No.403, J1C, Judicial Block, National Games Village, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560047, intends to purchase the immovable property bearing Flat No.204, 2nd floor, in a multistoreyed apartment building known as "PARK GRAND-41" having Super Built-up Area of 1490 Square Feet, PID No.80-1-41/8, situated at Old Municipal No.41, 41/1, 41/2, 42, 43 & 43/1, Present Amalgamated New Municipal Corporation No.41, St. John's Church Road, BBMP Ward No.80, Bharathinagar, Bengaluru-560005 and bounded by : **East by:** Apartment No.203, **West by:** Private Property, **North by :** Lobby/Passage and **South by :** Private Property from its present owner M/s N.K. Constructions rep. by its Partner Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, Mr. Kareem Amjad Khan and Imran Khan.

Any person/s claims any right, title, interest, mortgage, any charge by way of inheritance or claim on the above said property should send a claim in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence within **10 days** of this publication. Any claim received after such stipulated time shall not be binding on my client.

JAMAL SAIT, Advocate,
No.403, Green Elegance Apartment, Bellandur Bengaluru-560103. Mob: 9902692140.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SMT. SUPARNA LAKSHMI .V.N,** W/o Sri.Amar. M.S., Aged about 38 years, R/at Annexa Infinia Apartment, 24th Cross, Kempamma Layout, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560 076, intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **SRI.SHANMUGA REDDY** S/o Sri.Veerappa Reddy, aged about 58 years, R/at No.1560, 25th Main, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru-560 076 for valuable sale consideration.

If any person/s having any claim, interest, title or right over the Schedule Property, such person/s may lodge his/her/their objections with the under signed counsel with documentary proof within 07 days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which my client will proceed with the said transaction complying with all legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Municipal No.404, BBMP PID No.65-94-404,** situated at MICO Employees Griha Nirmana Sangha Layout, BTM Rashtra Kavi Kuvempu Nagara, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No.176-BTM Layout, (BBMP Old Ward No.65) measuring **East to West 9.21 Mtr.,** and **North to South 13.70 Mtr.,** totally measuring to an extent of 126.18 Sq.Mtrs., along with building thereon consisting of 1000 Sq.Ft., in Ground, 1000 Sq.Ft., in First, 1000 Sq.Ft., in Second, 1000 Sq.Ft., in Third and 1000 Sq.Ft., in Fourth Floor with RCC roofed, Vitrified Floor, Doors and Windows of Honne Woods, with all civic amenities and bounded on East by: Site bearing No.403, West by: Site bearing No.405, North by: Site bearing No.395 and South by: Road.

Sd/- **M.Ramachandra,** Advocate,
No.37/9, Koramangala Village,
Bengaluru-560 095. Mob: 9880616902

NOTICE

Elecon Engineering Company limited

Regd. Office Anand-Sojitra Road Vallabh Vidyanagar - 388120

Notice is hereby given that the certificates for the undermentioned Securities of the Company have been lost / mislaid and the holders of the said securities / Applicants have applied to the company to release New certificates. The company has informed the holders / Applicants that the said shares have been transferred to IEPF as per IEPF rules.

Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with company at its Registered office with in 15 days from this date else the company will proceed to issue new certificates to the holders / applicants without further intimation

Name of the Holders	Folio No.	Certificate Nos.	Distinctive nos	No of Securities
P.S. Vishnu Prasad & Yamuna Vishnu	P001053	5740 16304	1645151 to 1645420 33363521 to 33364060	270 540

Place: Bangalore
Date: 26.02.2022

P. S. Vishnu Prasad & Yamuna Vishnu
Name of Holders / Applicants

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 14th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.MIS No.50342/2021

Between: Sri. M. Naveen Kumar, S/o late Muniraj, aged about 25 years, Residing at No.25, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Kundalahalli, Marathahalli Post, K.R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560 037, **Aadhar No. 5927 5462 8825. ...Petitioner**

And: The Commissioner, B.B.M.P, Birth's and Death, Corporation Circle, Bengaluru-560 001. **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petition is filed U/S 13(3) of the registration of births and death Act 1969. Seeking direction to the Commissioner BBMP Bengaluru to register the death of the petitioner's Father's younger brother by name Sri. Chandrappa, S/o Sanjeevappa. The said Chandrappa expired on **08.05.2014** at his own residence No. 31, 7th Cross, ITPL Main Road, Kundalahalli Village, Dodde Nekundi Ward No. 85, Marathahalli Post, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 037, and to give direction accordingly for issuance of the death certificate of Mr. Chandrappa.

This is to brought to the notice of the General Public that if any person /persons, who may have any claim/objections, if any, in respect of the late Chandrappa, S/o Sanjeevappa, Kundalahalli who expired on **08.05.2014** should appear before this court either personally or through an advocate with necessary documents on **11.03.2022** at 11-00 A.M otherwise the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 23.02.2022.

By order of the the Court, Sheristedar, XIV Add. C.M.M Court, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 14th ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MIS No.50341/2021

Between: Sri. M. Naveen Kumar, S/o late Muniraj, aged about 25 years, R/at No.25, 1st Main, 7th Cross, Kundalahalli, Marathahalli Post, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 037, **Aadhar No. 5927 5462 8825. ... Petitioner**

And: The Commissioner, B.B.M.P, Birth's and Death, Corporation Circle, Bengaluru-560001. **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petition is filed U/S 13 (3) of the registration of births and death Act 1969. Seeking direction to the Commissioner BBMP Bengaluru to register the death of the petitioner's grandmother by name Smt. Muniyamma. The said Muniyamma, W/o Sanjeevappa expired on **12.05.2010** at her own residence No., 25, 7th Cross, Kundalahalli Viage, ITPL Main Road, Dodde Nekundi Ward No. 85, Marathahalli Post, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 037, and to give direction accordingly for issuance of the death certificate of Smt. Muniyamma.

This is to brought to the notice of the General Public that if any person /persons, who may have any claim/objections, if any, in respect of the Late Muniyamma, W/o Sanjeevappa Kundalahalli Village who expired on **12.05.2020** should appear before this court either personally or through an advocate with necessary documents on **11.03.2022** at 11-00 A.M otherwise the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 23.02.2022.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, XIV Addl. C.M.M. Mayo Hall, Bengalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri.Liyakhath S/o.Bashir Baig, aged 36 years R/a.No.600, 9th Cross,9th Main, K.N.Extention Gokul 1st Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022 has purchased the schedule property mentioned below pertaining to **Sri. P. Manilan** S/o Late Panner Selvam from **The Grain Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. through Public auction held on **21.02.2022 at 12.30 P.M.** in the Bank premises.

An person or persons having any manner of rights or title or interest or claim or objection or however otherwise, may file his/her/their objections or claims in writing to the above mentioned address with relevant documents in support of his/her/their claim or objection within 7 days from the date of this public notice, failing which we will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating that there are no claims over the schedule property.

(Borrower Sri. P. Manilan)

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.12 (in erstwhile Sy.No.30/9, Jalahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), present BBMP Khatha No.30/9/12, 2nd "A" Cross Road, Jalahalli, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore. Measuring East To West :30 feet North To South: 45 feet in all totally measuring 1350 sqft. VACANT SITE bounded on the: East by: Property No.13 West by: Property No.7 North by: Road South By: Others Property.

Date:07.03.2022,
Mobile No.9964458056

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mr. Vasanth Kumar S/o. Late. Ramanna, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 215, 'Ramalakshmi Nilaya' 1st Cross, 1st Main Road, Paparedddypalya, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072, is the owner of property bearing Assessment No. 24/21, Situated at Papareddypalya Village, Malathahalli Dhakle, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP ward No. 129, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengalore North Taluk, **measuring East to West: 63-00 feet and North to South: 19-00 feet, totally measuring 1197 Sq.ft.** acquired through release deed registered in the office of Senior Sub-Registrar Laggere, Bangalore, Vide document No. LAG-1-05119/2013-2014, of Book-I, Stored in CD No. LAGD223, dated: 17-01-2014.

Whereas the above said property previously belongs to my client father Late. Sri. Ramanna and he acquired said property through registered Partition deed, Vide document No. NGB-1-05947/2011-2012, of Book-I, stored in CD No. NGBD126, dated: 02-11-2011.

My client has lost the above said original release deed vide document No. LAG-1-05119/2013-2014, of Book-I, Stored in CD No. LAGD223, dated: 17-01-2014 and original Partition deed, Vide document No. NGB-1-05947/2011-2012, of Book-I, stored in CD No. NGBD126, dated: 02-11-2011.

Whereas, complaint has lodged on 03-03-2022 and Lost Report No. 0172419/2022, before Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police. In the event any person finds or in possession of the above said original release deed and partition deed kindly handed over the same to the below mentioned address within 07 days of the publication of this notice. The general public are informed not to act on the basis of the said original documents.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Assessment No. 24/21, Situated at Papareddypalya Village, Malathahalli Dhakle, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP ward No. 129, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 63-00 feet and North to South: 19-00 feet, totally measuring 1197 Sq.ft and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Property belongs to Komala, Roopa and Rashmi, South by: Property belongs to N. Chowdappa

L. VEENA, ADVOCATE
No. 12, 2nd B Main, RHCS Layout,
Annapoorneshwari Nagar,
Bangalore-560 091. Date: 04-03-2022

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-45)
O.S. No. 3110/2021

Sri. Ramesh Kumar, S/o Kempegowda, aged about 46 years, No. 39, 4th Cross, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-95. ... **Plaintiff**

-V/S-

Smt. T. Jayalakshmamma and anr. ... **Defendants**

Defendants No.1 to 2

1. Smt. T. Jayalakshmamma, aged about 62 years, W/o Sri T. Sudhakar Reddy, **2. Smt. Kethi Reddy Jhansi,** aged about 30 years, W/o Sri T. Sasidhar Reddy, Both R/at. No. 509, 16th Cross, 3rd Main, 6th sector, H.S.R Layout, Bengaluru-560102.

SUMMONS / NOTICE FOR SERVICE (UNDER ORDER 5 RULES 20 OF CPC)

Whereas the Plaintiff above named filed Original suit No. 3110/2021 for the relief of execute registered sale deed with respect to schedule property in favour of plaintiff. You the Defendants no.1 to 2 is hereby summoned to appear before the COURT OF THE XLIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH 45) AT BANGALORE in person or by a pleader on **05-04-2022** at 11.00 A.M to answer the same, failing which the above Orginal suit will be disposed off exparte.

SCHEDULE - A

That all the part and parcel of the property bearing site no.3 old katha 18/1, BBMP katha No. 03/3/18/1 situated at Yallukunte Village, Hamlet of Mangamnapalya, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District presently comes under BBMP Ward no. 190, measuring East to west 30feet and north to south 40ft in all measuring 1200sqft bounded on **East by:** site No. 2, **West by:** site No.4, **North by:** BDA 80 feet road, **South by:** 25 feet Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, 04-03-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiffs: **S.Y. KUMBAR & SHIVASHANKAR .S.K**
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No. 104/1, Shivaganga, Ground Floor,
1st D Main, Jakkasandra, Koramangala
1st Block, Bangalore-560034.
Mo: 99002 45450 / 9900722771

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. A1M1B3/Fly Ash/BTPS/Mar 2022 Dated: 07.03.2022

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal of GoK)

(Evaluation of Auction participants and E-Auction bidding)

Name of Work: SALE OF DRY FLY ASH FROM BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION (BTPS) Unit 1 to 3 OF KPCL. KPCL has already finalized H1 (M/s. UltraTech Cement Ltd.,) and H2 (M/s. Dalmia Bharat Cement Ltd.,) bidders in the previous tender cum auction for lifting of dry fly ash from Ballari TPS and is already issuing fly ash to them after entering into contract agreements with them. Tenders are invited through e-auction from direct end-users/ suppliers to end-users of fly ash for H3, H4, H5.....Hn positions for 'Lifting of dry fly ash of approximately 7.30 lakh MT per annum (2000 MT per day) on 'as available' basis for a period from finalization of this auction and issue of Letter of Award up to 06.06.2024 from Ballari, i.e., from Bellary Thermal Power Station - Unit # 1 to 3 of KPCL. Even the above two existing H1 and H2 bidders can participate in this auction and have a separate contract additionally. Operation & Maintenance of Ash Handling System and Silo of BTPS, Unit 1 to 3, including Spares, Consumables, Housekeeping & Miscellaneous works, if any, is in the scope of KPCL. The last date for receipt of the completed bids: **17.00 Hrs. on 21.03.2022.** The Auction document can be downloaded from the website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be had from: **The Superintending Engineer (Mines),** KPCL, No.82, Shakti Bhavan, III Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru- 560001. e-mail: **cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in / sefuels@gmail.com** Website: **www.karnatakapower.com** e-Portal/ HP Helpdesk : 080-22234115 / 22230960.

Government of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT
Office Of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1 st Floor of PRED Division, Nehru Nagar- 590010
E-mail:ee.rws.bgm@gmail.com Phone: 0831-2420835/2420836

No. RDW&S/BGM/PB-2,3 &4/TND-75/KW-3,4/2021-22/5107 Date: 03/03/2022

ITEM RATE RE-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Belagavi invites item rate tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State Government from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department under KW-3 standard tender document.

1) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: 10-03-2022 11.30AM
2) Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 11-03-2022 before 17:30 PM
3) Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid: 14-03-2022 after 11:00AM
4) Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid: After Technical Bid approved

INDENT No:- 37246/Call-3, 36503/Call-3, 35177/Call-4, 36641/Call-2, 36753/Call-2, 38680/Call-2, 37230/Call-2, 35754/Call-3, 36088/Call-3

Note: Other conditions, eligibility criteria are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of Tenders which will ink to all dept works list

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Belagavi.

DIPO/BGM/RONO.1723/20-21

Indian Bank (इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD)
Kasturi Nagar Branch, East of NGEF Layout At New Horizon College Campus, III Cross, II A Main Kasturi Nagar, BENGALURU 560043,Phone:22958874

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Kasturi Nagar branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28.03.2022, for recovery **Rs. 6143443/- (Rupees Sixty One lakh Forty Three Thousand four Hundred and Forty Three only)** with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from **04/03/2022** due to the Indian Bank, Kasturi Nagar branch, Secured Creditor, from **. Mr D RAMESH & Mrs. S USHARANI** , No. 25 3RD CROSS 4TH MAIN, GKW LAYOUT, PEENYA 2ND STAGE, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA-560058

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property	All that piece and parcel of immovable property (residential building) bearing Site No.25,BBMP khata No.122 old khata no.111/2B/25, New PID 070-W0018-24, Situtaed at laggare Village yeshwanthpura Hobli, BENGALURU North taluk now comes under jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 42 formerly within the limits of Dasarahalli CMC. And residential building measuring 40 Squares in Ground, First and Second floors in RCC roofed house constructed with bricks verified flooring Honne wood doors and windows with all Civic amenetis Measuring east to west 40 feet, North to south 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft. bounded in the east by Site no 26; West by Site no 24, North by road and South by Site no .4
Encumbrances on property	Nil
Reserve Price	**Rs.10238000/-**
EMD Amount	**Rs.1023800/-**
Bid incremental amount	Rs.50000/-
Date and time of e-auction	28/03/2022
Property ID No	IDIB641641343611

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com .**

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com**

Date :04/03/2022
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Indian Bank

Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Bengaluru, Karnataka that Zensciences Business Solutions LLP (LLPIN: AAE-2863), a LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

I. To carry on the business of providing Business Marketing solutions and consulting services including Market Mapping, Designing, Branding, Digital Technology and Social, Communication Media Marketing, Public Relations, Outsourcing and Analytical Services.

II. To Carry on the business of providing marketing, advertising and communication services to individuals, firms, companies, corporations and others of planning, consulting, developing, altering, editing, buying, selling, importing and exporting of traditional, digital, immersive and interactive marketing communications and technologies.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 403, 1st Floor, 22nd Cross, HSR Layout, Sector-2 Bengaluru, Bangalore KA 560102 IN.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7,8 Sector 5, IMT Mansesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 7th day of March 2022

Name(s) of Applicant
1. Mr. Rahul Koul
2. Mr. Rohit Kumar Manikkoth

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
NLBC Division, Rodalabanda-584127
Tq.Lingasugur Dist. Raichur
e-Mail: kbjnlnlbc4@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/NLBC/PB/2021-22/4921 Date: 23.02.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-tendering only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NLBC Division, Rodalabanda invites percentage tenders in two cover system from PWD Class.I Contractor/KBJNL Category-IIIrd & above for Improvements to tank and Approach Road of Mushigeri Village Under Koppal Lift Irrigation Scheme is Ron Constituency Work Indent No 19967), as detailed in the short-term tender notification published in e-procurement portal viz **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The intending tenderers may download the teder documet through e-Procurement portal viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **25.02.2022 to 18.03.2022 at 4.00 PM.** Technical bid will be opened on **21.03.2022 at 11.00 AM** and further details can be obtained from this office in any working days during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL NLBC Division, Rodalbanda

DIP/Raichur/681/MC&A/2021-22

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Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd.
A.O.: Rajatha Bhavana, No. 106, R.V. Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-04, Ph: 080-22422461 / 26500879
ESTD:1971 **Fax:080-41312650 Email-sscbank@yahoo.com**

AO/591/2021-22

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE – 8(1)]

Whereas the authorised officer of Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13 (2), (12) of the Act, Read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice on 30/07/2021 calling upon borrowers Smt. Jagadamba G, Sri Ranganath M.R. and M/s. Sri Ranganatha Bakery, Proprietor: Sri Puneeth Kumar and the guarantors Sri Devaraj. N, Sri Puneeth Kumar, Smt. Jagadamba G, Sri Ranganath M.R. to repay the amount of **Rs.1,47,97,224.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Only)** with future interest and charges mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices.

The borrowers and the guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Rules has taken possession of the property described hereunder on this 3rd Day of March 2022 **"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets".**

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property in any manner and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd. for an amount **Rs.1,47,97,224.00 (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four Only) and interest thereon.**

Description of the immovable property

All that piece and parcel of schedule property bearing No.8 situated at Third Main Road, Byrasandra (Jayanagar East), Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.60 (Pattabhiramanagar) having PID No.60-3-8, Measuring East to West 34 feet North to South 40 feet, In all ad-measuring 1360 Sq ft. together with structures standing thereon and bounded as follows: East by: Property belonging to Sri.A M Ramaiah (earlier vacant site belonging to Sri Kodappa and thereafter Aswatha Katte; West by: Third Main Road, Byrasandra; North by: Government Chavadi; South by: Property belonging to Smt. Acharamma.

Property belongs to Smt. Jagadamba G.

Hypothecated Assets: Hypothecation of Furniture and fixture, Fittings, Interiors, Equipment's and Utensils any others receivables, etc., at M/s. Sri Ranganatha Bakery, No.28/50, 3rd Cross, 4th Main Road Jayanagar I Block, Byrasandra, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560011.

Given under my hand and seal on this 3rd Day of March 2022.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03/03/2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeshwara Co.op Bank Ltd.,

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 16-12-2021 calling upon the borrower(s) **(1) Mr Somashekar (2) Mr Narayanaswamy (3) Ms. Roopashree R (aka Rupashree R) (4) Mr. Balakrishna and (5) Mr Govinda Raju, (M/s. E-infrastructure and Entertainment P Ltd.** having been admitted into the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process under the Insolvency Bankruptcy Code, 2016), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 2,11,79,218.31 (Rupees Two Crore Eleven Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two hundred Eighteen and Paise Thirty One Only)** and interest thereon as on **16-11-2021** together with future interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s), having failed to repay the amount , notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **4th day of March , 2022.**

The borrower(s), in particular, and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HDFC Bank Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.2,11,79,218.31 (Rupees Two Crore Eleven Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Two hundred Eighteen and Paise Thirty One Only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 17-11-2021,** together with expenses and charges etc.

The borrower(s)' attention is invited to the provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of The Immovable Property

Sl. No.	Description of Immovable Property	Name of the Mortgagor(s)
1.	All that piece and parcel of the residential site No. 179, Byatarayanapura Nagarasabhe Khata 153/154/179, situated in the layout formed by the CIL Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, named as "CIL Layout, II Phase", Bangalore 560 092, measuring East to West 40-0 (Forty Feet), North to South:65 (Sixty Five Feet) in all 2600 sq ft, together with 41 squares R.C.C roof House (Ground floor 20squares and First Floor 18 squares and in Second Floor 3 squares) having vitrified and Granite flooring, Honne Wood doors with all civil amenities and also having solar heater and borewell with motor, and bounded on the East by : Site No. 180; West by Site No.178, North by:30 Feet Road; South by: Site No.187	Mr Govinda Raju

Place: Bangalore
Date: 04.03.2022

Authorized Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd.

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₹17,537 cr — Total amount withdrawn by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian markets in March so far, according to depositories data

Indian investors can now trade in US stocks through NSE IFSC

Eight stocks including Google, FB, Apple, are on offer from March 3, with 42 more to be made available this week

RAM SAHGAL @ Mumbai

INVESTING in US shares by resident Indians just got closer to home with NSE International Exchange (NSE IFSC), an NSE subsidiary, offering the top 50 American shares on its trading platform from March 3 at Gift City Gujarat, an international financial services centre, where banks, stock exchanges and financial services firms run their global operations.

For starters, eight stocks including Google, FB, Netflix, Apple, are on offer from March 3, with 42 more to be made available this week on the platform, said a top NSE official.

The route to invest is under the RBI's liberalised remittance scheme (LRS) which allows resident Indians to transfer up to $250,000 per head per year for buying properties, shares, paintings, for medical treatment, private trips, etc among the specified uses, with a bar on derivatives trading.

For now, 15 state owned and private banks have set up IFSC Banking Units (IBUs). A resident wishing to invest can transfer money from her bank account to her broker's account in the IBU. Around 15 top brokers have opened subsidiaries in Gift City and are members of NSE IFSC.

Unsponsored Receipts

The shares will be held in the form of IFSC depository receipts, as the exchange is offering trading in fractionalised form to make it more attractive, like an ADR or GDR of an Indian share traded in New York or London. A broker, requesting anonymity, said the pricing of a receipt would be in the $5-15 range. A Netflix share at around $360 will become 24 times cheaper at the upper end of the receipt. Similarly, an Apple share would be 11 times cheaper.

The receipts will be stored digitally in the depository at IFSC and accessed through Depository participants who are the brokers through whom the client will trade.

Receipt creation

The receipt is created by the Exchange appointed custodian, HDFC Bank, which has an IBU. The international market maker, also appointed by the exchange, credits the shares with HDFC Bank's overseas unit. The bank, in turn, issues the unsponsored receipts against the shares credited.

The market maker downsells these at NSE IFSC. It provides both buy and sell quotes and earns some money through the bid-ask spread. The client's broker at IFSC buys and sells the receipts on her behalf. Thus, the market maker provides the needed liquidity.

> **This opens up an avenue for participants to open accounts with IFSC brokers. They will have to assess whether this is a preferred route since these are not actual underlying shares**
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> Chirag M Shah, securities lawyer, Mansukhlal Hiralal & Co

Brokerage & tax

Brokerage of the just commenced operations is expected to be competitive with no stamp duty or securities transaction tax, as on the domestic exchanges. The broker quoted earlier said brokerage under the LRS route tended to be a flat $7-10 whether a client bought 1000 or 10000 shares - a so-called line order. Apart from that, there will be custody charges. Gains on the shares will be taxed based on the holding period. If the shares are held for less than two years, they will be treated as short-term capital gain, added to the income slab of the resident and taxed.

If the holding period is over two years, long-term capital gain tax of 20% is charged, said Amol Joshi, founder of PlanRupee Investment Services.

What are the risks

The liquidity and price impact cost are the risks. Currently, brokers conduct proprietary trades on derivatives at exchanges in Gift City, which LRS does not cover. With the depository coming up to hold the unsponsored receipts on behalf of the client, the depository participants are in the process of getting clients to participate.

If participation is low, the bid ask spread might not be too attractive and that could increase the cost of the transaction. "This opens up an avenue for participants to open accounts with IFSC brokers and trade US equities," said Chirag M Shah, securities lawyer with Mansukhlal Hiralal & Co and a market veteran. "They will have to assess whether this is a preferred route since these are 'unsponsored' receipts and not actual underlying shares."

Existing practice for overseas investment in shares

1. Under LRS route through a local broker who has a tie up with **int'l broker**
2. Intl broker runs an omnibus account, meaning securities are held in his name
3. He simply issues statement of account showing ownership of individual clients who invest in the unsponsored receipts
4. In the unlikely event of him going bust, the client will have to approach the US or overseas market regulator for compensation, making the task tedious, given that shares are held in omnibus ac.

WHAT IFSC HAS TO OFFER

Same route of fund transfer under LRS and unsponsored receipt issue.

However, custodian appointed by NSE IFSC holds the shares against which it issues unsponsored receipts to int'l market maker, who downsells the same to local clients

If market maker goes bust, **custodian can sell the shares** and distribute the proceeds pro rata

Issues like competitiveness of brokerage, impact cost need to be assessed while trading through the IFSC.

> *Rising commodity prices may hurt poor the hardest. Disruptions in financial markets will continue to worsen should the conflict persist*
>
> World Bank and IMF

YOUR MONEY IN TIMES OF FEAR

RAJAS KELKAR

THE path ahead is fraught with risks. With a war breaking out in one part of the world, financial markets worldwide are trembling. There is fear across equity, bonds and commodities markets. Over the past month, gold prices jumped 10%, and the S&P BSE Sensex is down 5.7%. Commodity prices are surging, with indices that track global commodity prices showing a 50% jump over the past 12 months. Every $10 per barrel increase in oil prices meaningfully increases inflation in India and cuts economic growth.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the two global development institutions, issued a warning over the conflict in Ukraine. They said that rising commodity prices risk further fuelling inflation and hurting the poor the hardest. "Disruptions in financial markets will continue to worsen should the conflict persist," the statement said.

According to some reports, a global financial crisis could follow the conflict in Europe. Long-term investors like pension funds in the US and Europe that have exposure to Russian or Ukrainian assets like equity or bonds could pull out. They would sell at a loss and cover-up book profits in other markets. That could cause a ripple effect across financial markets.

The emotion of fear is overpowering markets now, and it is likely to continue for some time. Against such a backdrop, your savings and investments would not be able to escape the turmoil in financial markets.

Review your investments

You may want to keep sufficient cash or liquid funds in the bank for now. Do not rush to invest that idle cash unless the volatility in the financial markets settles down. It is essential to give that call to your financial advisor. An assessment of your portfolio would give you the risks your money faces. Your financial advisor may be able to guide you through the phase. A balanced asset allocation helps diversify risks. If your investments are skewed towards risky assets, you may want to do a course correction.

Work on a passive second income

There is no concept of social security in India like it is in wealthy nations. In many countries, people get an unemployment allowance. In times of crisis, you feel the need to have a second income. You may belong to any field other than finance. But you need to know a few basics when you set out to realise your dreams. To protect your future from market volatility or uncertainty due to war, you need to have a steady income. While your day job can earn you a salary, you can regularly generate a regular passive income. When starting to invest, they say you must pay yourself first. That means you have to put aside money every month towards a pension plan. The National Pension System or NPS is an excellent way to start. Your financial advisor can help you get started with it.

If you earn more in your present employment or take up a part-time gig, you can increase your income. After working for 15-20 years and investing regularly, you can quickly put your savings into a monthly income plan. You can add more funds each month to that monthly income plan and further push it up as you continue to work. A simple back of the envelope calculation suggests that you can generate a passive income of ₹70,000 to ₹80,000 per month from an investment of ₹1 crore in India.

Understanding market cycles

While confusion persists over the direction of markets, you must understand that there are economic and market cycles. People who have witnessed multiple crises over their lifetime know that there are opportunities to buy when everyone gets fearful. If you are new to the world of investing, you may not want to buy anything now. However, you may focus on learning about the impact of such events on your money. A panic selloff in one market triggers a Mexican wave across asset classes and continents. While predicting the bottom of the market or an economic cycle with precision is tough, you can know more about the pattern. That exercise would prepare you for the next round of crisis.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

₹70K-₹80K After working for 15-20 years and investing regularly, you can quickly put your savings into a monthly income plan. A simple back of the envelope calculation suggests that you can generate a passive income of `70,000 to `80,000 per month from an investment of `1 crore in India.

Govt may defer LIC IPO to next fiscal: Experts

THE government is expected to defer the mega initial public offering (IPO) of LIC to the next financial year as the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war has dampened fund managers' interest in the public issue, market experts said on Sunday.

The government was looking to sell 5% stake in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) this month, which could have fetched over ₹60,000 crore to the exchequer.

The IPO would have helped meet the curtailed disinvestment target of ₹78,000 crore this fiscal.

"The current geopolitical issue between Russia and Ukraine makes the global equity markets jittery. Indian markets also reacted negatively to this development and corrected nearly 11% from its all time high. Thus, the current market volatility is not conducive for the LIC IPO and the government is most likely to defer the issue to next fiscal year," Arijit Malakar, Head of Retail Equity Research, Ashika Group, said.

Generally, in a highly volatile market, investors tend to play safe and refrain from making fresh investments. Thus, the equity market needs to be stable, so that investors can get the confidence to make the investment in the LIC IPO.

Echoing a similar sentiment, Tanushree Banerjee Co-Head of Research-Equitymaster, said the weak market sentiments, especially in the wake of the Ukraine-Russia war, have been a dampener for the IPO. While there is a possibility of the IPO getting postponed, the issue remains critical to the government's disinvestment plans.

Atanuu Agarrwal, co-founder, Upside AI, said in macro uncertainty, there is always a flight to safety to the dollar, away from riskier assets like emerging market equities. This means liquidity drying up in the domestic markets.

"FPIs have anyway been net sellers in emerging markets for the past few months. While domestic investors have been net buyers and have staved off a market crash, given the size of the IPO of USD 9-10 billion, it will need sufficient liquidity to be absorbed."

"This means it will need FPI support - government is cognizant of this and hence cabinet approved 20% FPI investment in the LIC IPO under the automatic route," Atanuu Agarrwal added. *PTI*

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

RELIANCE IND

Current Price ₹2,327.95

Target Price ₹2,800

Rapid expansion of its stores and rollout of digital platforms should drive strong growth going ahead. RIL plans to foray into chemicals in near future. The strong execution capabilities - as demonstrated in telecom and retail - if repeated, would take the company into a different orbit. It currently trades at 21.6x consolidated FY23 P/E and 12.1x EV/EBITDA.

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Bearish sentiment to rule markets globally

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH Russia showing no signs of putting an end to its invasion of Ukraine, bearish sentiment is expected to rule stock markets worldwide in the foreseeable future. This invasion has led to a sharp increase in crude oil prices. India being a major importer is expected to face inflationary pressure, a big negative for its equity market which till recently saw such a strong bull run.

"The Russia-Ukraine conflict, fresh sanctions on Russia by global powers, and reports of the Russian attack on Europe's biggest nuclear plant in Ukraine added more tension on global investors. Rising oil prices along with uncertainties of supply chain disruption have instilled fears of inflation crossing RBI's tolerance level," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. Add to it, Q3FY22 GDP numbers were below market expectation as it reported a gentle growth of 5.4% while NSO (National Statistical Office) down revised FY22 growth from 9.2% to 8.9%.

In the coming week, in addition to geopolitical tensions, the domestic market will look at state election exit poll data and the global market on Bank of England and Fed policy statements. "Based on current consensus, state elections outcome is unlikely to be a crucial factor but rather a short-term positive & negative reaction, accordingly. Due to war uncertainties, central banks may balance their hawkish policy against expected earlier due to high inflation. It can provide leeway to the market in the short term," said Nair.

The market also awaits the release of February inflation data which is expected to remain high at 6.1% compared to 6.01% during January. Dragged by the geopolitical tension, benchmark indexes BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty logged its fourth consecutive week of losses. On Friday, Sensex fell to a low of 53,887.72 and recovered slightly to close the week at 54,333.81, down 2.73%. Nifty, on the other hand, fell to a low of 16,133.8 before closing at 16,245.35, down 2.48%. During the week, the two Indexes fell below their 200-Day Moving Average (DMA).

What stock markets await?

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MONEY-WISE

DEBT FUNDS AND DOUBTS

ASHOK KUMAR

DEBT mutual funds have been down and out for the count with poor returns for not one, but two years now and worse still, no visibility of any revival on the cards. Most debt fund categories have not only not performed well in the calendar year 2021, but also failed to match even the returns of bank fixed deposits.

Hence, even after factoring in the tax arbitrage for investors in the higher tax bracket, many investors seem to have returned to their older debt investment avenue of bank and corporate fixed deposits. If not a higher rate, these products at least provide far better visibility to these investors.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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Investors from the fixed income category but less averse to risk than traditional debt instrument investors have begun to explore and some have migrated to hybrid funds, especially of the lower risk variety that carries an in-built hedge mechanism. Some with no aversion to their funds being locked in for a while have even found solace in innovative insurance products that provide similar or even higher returns, while at the same time offering the additional dual advantage of an insurance cover and tax free returns.

One exception in the category of debt mutual funds where, as mentioned earlier, the returns have been dismal in recent times, has been the credit risk category. Some of the credit risk funds have delivered 9% returns in the twelve month period up to around the end of January, 2022). Interestingly, that has not deterred investors from redeeming their money from these funds. To cut a long story short, the category's Assets under Management (AUM) which stood at ₹55,000 crore plus around two years ago stood almost halved to around ₹28,000 crore by the end of the calendar year 2021.

Now, there have been some reports about investors who are open to taking additional risks being asked to consider a credit risk fund in lieu of an equity fund. This is puzzling as the risk profile of investors in these two categories cannot be compared. Of course, within the debt mutual fund investing space, an investor who is not only aware of the additional risk he is taking to secure the potential additional return can allocate a modest portion of his portfolio to credit risk funds.

The tightening of norms in the debt mutual fund category post the Franklin Templeton fiasco has probably reduced the risk factor but that could also simultaneously impact returns going forward as risk and reward invariably go hand in hand. Furthermore, the above mentioned fiasco has led to a visibly more conservative approach by fund managers in this category as the fear of the fallout of defaults is now far higher than it was earlier.

Clearly then, the debt mutual fund sub-segment has a lot of work to do before they regain their preferred investment status among fixed income investors, and the complex capital gains tax structure in the segment is yet another obstacle in its way that needs to be surmounted.

Warne's room had blood stains on floor & bath towels

Thailand police have reportedly found "blood stains" on the floor of Shane Warne's room and on bath towels while searching the villa where the legendary Australian cricketer died while holidaying. The cricketing legend was declared dead by doctors in the Thai International Hospital on Friday, after friends tried to revive him in his luxury villa hours earlier.

Sneh, Pooja answer prayers

Having proven themselves in domestic circuit for years, the duo showed what they are capable of at the biggest stage

GOMESH S @Chennai

INDIA were reeling at 114 for six. Against Pakistan. In a World Cup game. Normally, this would set off the panic button, but this team has seen this movie before. In fact, in their previous outing in 2017, India were down to 111 for six, but went on to add another 58 runs to their tally before bundling out Pakistan for 74.

If it was Sushma Verma, who delivered back then, on Sunday, the onus was on all-rounders Pooja Vastrakar and Sneh Rana. And, there couldn't be a pair who has had more contrasting journeys to the top and while having so much in common.

Both broke into the Indian team as teenage prodigies before slipping through the sidelines. While Vastrakar was struggling with multiple injuries, Rana had to toil in the domestic circuit for years before making a comeback in 2021.

Pooja Vastrakar (L) and Sneh Rana scored half-centuries against Pakistan, helping India put up a strong total after a top-order collapse | AFP

With 17 overs to go, them being the last recognised batting pair, Rana held one end early in the stand as Vastrakar took on Nida Dar and Anam Amin, who had troubled the top-order. That they gave Vastrakar width outside off-stump, which she pounced on, did not help their cause. Gaining confidence, she did not spare the pacers Diana Baig and Fatima Sana, cruising to a 48-ball fifty.

While Pakistan were taken aback by the unexpected counter-attack, Rana wasn't one bit surprised, watching from the other end. In fact, in December, she was on the receiving end of a Vastrakar-onslaught in the Senior Women's Challengers.

The India D skipper smashed a 96 in the league game against Rana's India A, but was run out early in the final, something she remembered vividly. "I have known Pooja for a long time and she is very good at rotating the strike.

In domestic cricket, when she was playing against me, to be honest, I was thinking that if she continues to play like this, she will win the final match as well. Luckily, that was our day," said Rana.

Years of playing against each other in domestic cricket meant that the pair knew each other's game well, which worked out perfectly for India as they went on to record the best seventh-wicket stand (122) in ODI history.

The most important trait on Sunday, however, was how the duo hardly played any dot balls, building a partnership with singles and doubles — something Rana has shown in the limited chances she had got so far.

Known for her cheekiness with the bat, Rana made the most of the lengths Pakistan offered her, scoring one-third of her runs behind square on either side.

After spending the last few years outside the national setup, especially missing the 2017 ODI and three T20 World Cups, on Sunday Rana was living her dream.

And, she could not have delivered a better performance on her World Cup debut.

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

BRIEF SCORES

India 244/7 in 50 ovs (Vastrakar 67, Rana 53 n.o) beat **Pakistan** 137 all out in 43 ovs (Sidra 30; Gayakwad 4/31, Rana 2/27).

ASHWIN, JADEJA DECIMATE SRI LANKA

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

IN the end, it felt a bit like 'Predator vs Prey' on National Geographic. Or like a bunch of lambs being escorted to the slaughter house. By the time India wrapped up proceedings to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series — by an innings and 222 runs — you were already feeling sorry for Sri Lanka. Sans a few of their better players, the result of the match was a foregone conclusion even before the two teams had landed in Mohali. The only interest was whether the visitors were capable of punching above their weight category. It wasn't even close.

Even though the visiting batters let themselves down by unwilling to engage in a fight — seven of the 16 Lankan wickets to fall on Sunday were ducks — on a typical third day track, some credit should be reserved for Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. This is what they have do in India. They asphyxiate opposition, keep landing the ball in dangerous places, play with the angles to tease the batters and create multiple wicket-taking opportunities in every spell. The only release shots on offer have to be manufactured and there's always an element of risk to that.

Both Jadeja, who took nine scalps in the match (five and four), and Ashwin, who passed Kapil Dev's 434 to become the second-highest wicket-taker for India, retained a menacing hold from the they got the ball in hand on the second day.

Why they are so effective in these conditions is the way they home in on the pads and attack the pads, this is something that holds true for the likes of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami as well. That's an added advantage in the DRS era where the grammar of the LBWs has changed significantly. In fact, the first five Sri Lankan wickets in the first innings came via this route, including the first of 16 they lost on Day Three. Charith Asalanka was looking good for more when Bumrah beat him for sheer subtlety. The umpire at the non-striker's end ruled that it was bouncing over the stumps but DRS ruled in favour of India.

Most overseas batters, even well established batters in the international circuit, struggle in India because they tend to play the names rather than the surface in front of them.

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

Brief scores: India 1st Inns 574/8 decl. in 129.2 ovs (Jadeja 175 n.o, Pant 96) **bt** SL 1st inns 174 all out in 65 ovs (Jadeja 5/41); 2nd inns 178 all out in 60 ovs (Ashwin 4/47, Jadeja 4/46).

Karnataka seal quarterfinal berth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA came up with some consistent cricket over four days to defeat Puducherry by an innings and 20 runs at the SSN College Ground in Chennai. With it, they have also sealed their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal berth from Group C with 16 points. The knockout stages of the competition will be staged after the conclusion of Indian Premier League.

RANJI TROPHY

Manish Pandey and his men were in the driver's seat even before the fourth day began on Sunday. They just needed six wickets to win the contest, and the Karnataka bowlers achieved its goal in 38 overs. Leg-spinner Shreyas Gopal was best bowler in the second innings, taking five wickets while Prasidh Krishna took three to bundle out Puducherry for 192.

Karnataka started the day on a bright note as Puducherry skipper Rohit D, who had scored a ton in the first innings, was dismissed by Prasidh quite early on. It came as a huge blow to them, but Gonnabattula Chiranjeevi and Pavan Deshpande were determined to strike a good partnership, getting involved in a 61-run partnership before Gopal made the important breakthrough. Puducherry were tottering at 129/6. From there on, it was just a matter of time for Karnataka to score an important as Puducherry were dependent on their lower order batters alongside Deshpande. Subodh Bhati managed to hit a quickfire 30-ball 37. After his dismissal, Deshpande was a mere spectator with the the last two players failing to open their account as the southpaw remained not out on 54 runs.

WHO QUALIFIED

Seven toppers of the Elite Groups — MP, Bengal, Karnataka, Mumbai, Uttarakhand, Punjab and UP — have directly qualified for the quarterfinals. Jharkhand, the Elite group team with the least points, will face Nagaland, which topped the Plate Group, in the pre-quarterfinal.

Mary decides to skip World C'ships & Asian Games

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

SHE has had a decorated career spanning over two decades and her yearning to perform has remained like the way it was when she stepped inside the ring for the first time. London Olympic bronze medallist, MC Mary Kom, feels she is still good enough to continue but at the same time felt it was important to give youngsters a chance. "I thought we should give youngsters a chance and I have decided to skip a couple of big tournaments — World Championships and Asian Games," she told this daily. The trials for the World Championships and Asian Games are scheduled to be held from Monday to Wednesday. However, Asiad trials for two weight categories (51kg & 69kg) will be conducted separately from March 11 to 14.

There are a multiple reasons for taking the back seat but motivating the NextGen pugilists is her primary objectives. "I have been playing for so many years and the time has come to give chances to the next bunch of pugilists," said the 39-year-old. "I just want to motivate them and this should definitely keep them motivated. The World Championships and the Asian Games will be a big challenge for them and I hope they will rise to the occasion."

Fullstory: newindianexpress.com

CSK meet KKR in IPL opener

The BCCI on Sunday announced the schedule of the 2022 IPL. Defending champions Chennai Super Kings will face Kolkata Knight Riders in the opening game at the Wankhede Stadium on March 26 while the final will be played on May 29. A look at the 15th edition of the cash-rich league...

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The 70 league matches and 4 playoff games will be played in the duration of 65 days.

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12 double-headers & on such days, 1st game will begin at 3.30pm & evening matches 7.30pm.

4 VENUES

Wankhede Stadium and Cricket Club of India in Mumbai, DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai and Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **M/s.DESAI DEVELOPERS**, A Registered Partnership Firm, Having its Registered Office at Site No.90, K.B. Homes, Green Garden Layout, Munnekolala Road, Kundalahalli Gate, Marthahalli, Bangalore-560 037, **PAN:AAKFD5517D** Represented by its Managing Partner **Dr.DESAI THIPPA REDDY,**, aged about 56 years, S/o Late Sri.Venkata Sidda Reddy, **Aadhar No:7076 3981 7098**, and Others has irretrievably lost/misplaced the registered Deed of Sale dated 23/05/1951, registered as document No.1432/1951-52, Book – I, Valume-1215, pages-105 to 108, registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Bangalore executed by Sri.Nanjappa S/o Sri.Veeranna in respect of in respect of All that piece and parcel of property Land bearing Converted Sy.No.46/1, measuring 1 acre 2 Guntas (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Order No.ALN(KRPH) SR/157/2014-15, dated: 15/05/2015, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District., Bangalore), situated at Dasarahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, in favour of Sri.H.K.Muniventaswamappa S/o Sri.Krishnappa

The said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances; in this regard a complaint has also been lodged before the jurisdictional Police Station, Bangalore.

Any other Persons having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within **7 days** from this day to the undersigned. The finder of the aforesaid original sale deed is requested to hand it over to the aforesaid owner.

SNR ASSOCIATES, Advocates,
Flat No.402, Fourth Floor, "Samaikyaa's K.K.Venl Plaza" B.Narayanapura,
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Advocate V.Nagaraju, Mob: 9164134628.
Owner Ph: 9620810011.

IN THE COURT OF THE XIV ADDL. HON'BLE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
P & S.C. NO. 495/2021

BETWEEN: 1. SRI. SUBHASH .M.S, S/o Late Sri. Subramaniam, aged about 68 years, R/o No. 48, 17th G Cross, Rose Garden Road, J.P. Nagar, 5th Phase, Opp Mahaveer Hermitage Apartments, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 078. **2. SRI. SENDHIL KUMAR SUBHASH,** S/o Sri. Subhash .M.S, aged about 42 years, R/o 102, N S R Astral, 5th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Sarvabhoumanagar, Sundar Ram Shetty, Nagar Bilekahalli, Arekere Main Road, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru- 560 076. **3. SRI. SRINIVAS S,** S/o Sri. Subhash .M.S, aged about 36 years, R/o Flat No. 54, 14th Floor, C & D Block, ONGC Residential Complex, 14 Park Road, Anna Nagar Western Extn, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-600101.... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named Petitioners have made Petition to this Court under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of Schedule mention below. The below mentioned Schedule is held by Smt. Sakku Bai, the wife of the First Petitioner and the mother of the Second and Third Petitioners, who expired on 11.05.2021.

Interest parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **5.4.2022 (CCH-28)** at 11 am inform to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared exparte/ one sided.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

SBI CAPITAL GAINS TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT in State Bank of India, JP Nagar 4th Phase Branch Bangalore, deposited vide dated 03.03.2020 in her name Mrs. SAKKU BAI .S, bearing, Term Deposit Account No. 39186211603 for a sum of Rs. 25,64,048/- only (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Forty Eight Only) and the maturity value being Rs. 26,20,767/- only (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven only) and the maturity dated being 28.02.2021.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court on 04-03-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

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PREMISES REQUIRED ON LEASE / RENT

Union Bank of India requires well-constructed commercial Premises in ready possession, on lease rental basis for a lease period of 10-15 years with clear visibility & adequate parking facility as under –

For shifting of	Location of the Premises req	Required Power	Floor	Carpet Area
Chamrajpet Branch, Gr Floor No.24, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru – 560 018	With-in a distance of approximately 1.5 KM from Chamrajpet Branch	30 KVA	Ground floor or Upper Gr floor	2000 Sq. Ft (10% +/-)

For further details, please visit our Bank's website **www.unionbankofindia.com** or NIC portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** OR our Office. Last date for submission of bids in prescribed formats is **04.04.2022** (next Bank working day if due date is a Bank Holiday) upto 3.00 PM. **"BROKERS / INTERMEDIARY PLEASE EXCUSE"** Further communications, corrigendum, amendments, if any will be hosted in Bank's website only. The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to cancel entire Tender process without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

Date: 07.03.2022, Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Deputy General Manager**

IndusInd Bank

No. 25, Steeple Reach, A Block, 3rd Floor, Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai - 600 086

PUBLIC NOTICE (under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from IndusInd Bank Limited (IBL), their loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Bank as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, Bank has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

1.Loan Account No.:KCQ00004N & KBR00836N; Date of NPA – 30/03/2021; Date of Demand Note – 28/10/2021 **Total Outstanding Amount** as on 26/10/2021 – 74,35,018.41/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Eighteen and Forty One Paise only)

Borrower :1) M/s. Globewell Holidays India Pvt Ltd., Rep by its Director Mr. Akbar Shareef, No. 14, Second Floor, RT Nagar Main Road, Opp: Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore – 560 032; 2) Co-Borrower 1:- Mr. Akbar Shareef, Son of Mr Ghulam Ghulam Rasool.; No. 404, Bilal Masjid Road, Kushal Nagar, Sakleshpur, Hassan – 573 134; 3) Co-Borrower 2:- Mr. Sufiyan Shareef & 4) Co-Borrower 3:- Mrs. S. Ayesha, Co-borrowers 2 & 3 are residing at No. 920, 20th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyananagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560 043

Description of Secured Asset / Mortgaged Properties:-All that part and parcel of the Immovable Property, duplex residential premises build on B.D.A Site bearing No. 920, C.M.C Byatrayanapura, Katha No. 642, Situated at Hennur Bellary Road Layout, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore. Presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on the North by Site No. 921; South by Site No. 919; East by Site No. 910 and West by Road and Measuring: East to West 30ft., and North to South 20ft., in total measuring 600 Sq.ft., together with a residential duplex premises having 500 Sq.ft., in GF & 500 Sq.ft., in FF total built up area of 1000 Sq.ft.

2. Loan Account No.:KBR00480N, KBR00629N, KBR00630N & KBR00751N; Date of NPA – 06/11/2021; Date of Demand Notice – 02/12/2021; Total Outstanding Amount as on 26/11/2021 – 1,70,12,444.44/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four and Forty Four Paise Only)

Borrower: 1) M/s. Aparanji Industries, Rep. by its Managing Partner Mr. Arun Kumar; **2) Co-Borrower 1:** Mr. Arun Kumar Houre Chandrasekar, Son of Mr. Hosure Krishnamurthy Chandrasekar, 3) Co-Borrower 2: Mr. Hosure Chandrasekar, Son of Mr. Hosure Krishnamurthy; 4) Co-borrower 3:- Mrs. Megha; 5) Co-borrower 4:- Mrs. C. Subbalakshmi all the Co-borrowers are residing at No. 263, Jayanagar, HBCS Layout, Turahalli, Uttarahalli, Bangalore – 560 061, Karnataka.

Description of Secured Asset / Mortgaged Properties:- All that piece and parcel of land with building in an extent of 1321 Sq. ft., bearing Old No. 96/14-15, New No. 36, situated at 1st Cross, Thyagarajanagara, Bangalore City, together with Residential building thereon, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 44 Feet and bounded on the North by Road; South by Property bearing No. 98/1; East by Property bearing No. 35; and West by Property bearing No. 37

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules not limited to taking possession and selling the secured asset entirely at the risk of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.

Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARAFESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of IBL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by IBL are tendered to IBL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by IBL, and no further step shall be taken by IBL for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 07/03/2022 **Sd/-**
Place: Chennai **For IndusInd Bank limited**
Authorized Officer

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT
C.MIS. No. 270 / 2022

BETWEEN: Smt. Lakshamamma @ Lakshamakka W/o Late Chikkasadaiah, Age about 67 years, R/at No.44, 1st Main Road, Channa Veerasahyanna Palya, Kengeri, Bangalore South Taluk. **...Petitioner**

AND: Thasildar, Chief Registrar of Birth & Deaths K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009. **...Respondent**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The above named petitioner Smt. Lakshamamma @ Lakshamakka W/o Late Chikkasadaiah has applied for Death Certificate of her husband **Sri Chikkasadaiah died on 21/05/1987,** in the above mentioned court, The Court fixed the hearing date **on 25.03.2022, morning 11.00 AM.** Whoever has any objection regarding issue of Death Certificate of the above petitioners husband Sri Chikkasadiah may appear before this Hon'ble in person/s or by pleader.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this the 05.03.2022.

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District.
Sri Mohan Kumar N, Advocate
Flat No.3, First Floor, No. 122 Margosa Road, Between 10th and 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 033.

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Tender No:A-25011/001/2022-BM
E-TENDER FOR "HOUSE KEEPING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (HK&WM)"

TPCL invites e-Tender for **"Housekeeping and Waste Management Services"** of its IT Park at Coimbatore. For more details and participation in the above e-Tender, please visit the website : **https://www.tntenders.gov.in.** Last date for online submission of duly filled in Tender Documents is **4.00 p.m. on 11-04-2022.** TPCL reserves right to accept / reject any one / all Tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR / 987 / Tender / 2022 **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்".

Karnataka State Human Rights Commission
5th Stage, MS Building, 3rd Floor, Bengaluru-560001
No: HRC 26 ADM 2022 Date: 23.02.2022

BRIEF NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for one post of Registrar in the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission, to be filled temporarily on contract basis from eligible candidates, initially for a period of six months. Detailed notification and application format is published on the website of the Commission **www.kshrc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for submitting application is **21.03.2022.**

DIPR/DDU/3606/MCA/2021-22 **Sd/- Secretary**

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NATIONAL SC-ST HUB SCHEME

NOTIFICATION

"Launch of Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (SCLCSS) for SC/ST"

The National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme is an Initiative of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India, having the objective of providing professional support to the SC/ST entrepreneurs for enhancing their participation in public procurement. The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) is the implementing Agency. There are various components under NSSH under which assistance is provided to the SC/ST entrepreneurs for their capacity building and market linkage.

Under the SCLCSS component, **25% subsidy** is provided for procurement of Plant & Machinery and equipment through institutional credit to the eligible Micro / Small Enterprises of manufacturing sector owned by SC/ST entrepreneurs.

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DIFFERENT CREATURES FOUND
Like the Myanmar snub-nosed monkey, a cave dwelling crab, a carnivorous snail, etc.

Giving life to dreams of inventors

TECHNOLOGY

AMMAN: In the age of Covid, Jordanian mechanical engineer Saliba Taimeh pondered how to deal with one contaminated everyday surface: the handrails of escalators in shopping malls and transport hubs.

He came up with a device to sterilise them with UV rays -- and this is where TechWorks stepped in.

A wealth of ideas would not have seen the light of day without TechWorks, a Jordanian platform aimed at bringing together youth, ideas and resources to jump-start innovations.

Set up in 2018, TechWorks says its mission is "to plug into entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystems" and turn ideas into reality.

It is equipped with state-of-the-art technology such as 3D printers and affiliated with a foundation set up by Crown Prince Hussein.

Last year, it attracted about 100 inventors and start-up companies, enabling them to produce prototypes quickly and at low cost.

Taimeh, 39, said TechWorks "provided me with every support, back-up, advice and guidance" to help perfect the sterilising device, after 23 attempts over almost two years.

His invention sterilises the handrails of escalators "from all kinds of viruses, such as coronavirus and bacteria," he said. After contacting several international companies, a German firm specialising in health and safety in public places signed up to manufacture the "Brigid Box". Weighing in at 7.2 kilograms (almost 16 pounds), it can be installed in less than 15 minutes.

Ismail Hakki, executive director of TechWorks, said its aim is to provide "a creative environment and all the necessary resources to support and enable young people to transform their projects from a mere idea into a real product".

The doors of the project's "Fabrication Lab", or FabLab, are "open to all; we support students, entrepreneurs, and startups", he said. *AFP*

EXFILE • BIODIVERSITY

Biological wonders in Myanmar

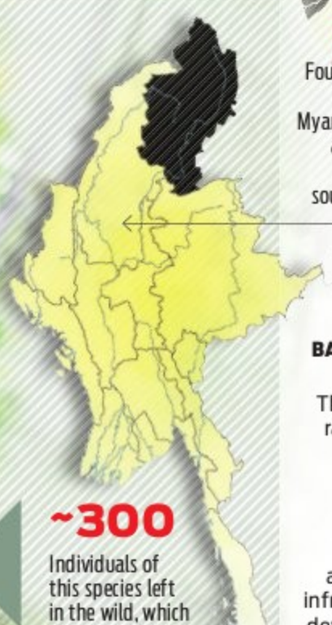
At least 100 new species—from monkeys to mussels—were found in Myanmar in a decade, according to conservationists who said discoveries during the country's fleeting period of openness revealed "astonishing biodiversity". Beginning in 2010, researchers have made an incredible sequence of discoveries. Let's take a look

'ONE DAY, ONE NEW SPECIES'
In one instance, a two-week expedition yielded 15 new species, said conservation biologist Aung Lin

EXTREMELY HIGH
The chances of finding more new species, according to Lee Grismer, a professor of biology at La Sierra University. He said he was confident he would return to Myanmar to look

UNIQUE ANIMAL IN DANGER
Snub-nosed monkeys are named after their small and upturned noses. They are hunted and sold for medicinal use of their bones and their fur. Habitat loss due to infrastructure development and commercial logging also threatens them

SNEEZING MONKEY
Snub-nosed monkeys are also known as 'sneezing monkeys' as they often get rainwater in their upturned noses, causing them to sneeze



LOCATION
Found in Kachin State in Myanmar as well as in Yunnan Province in southern China

~300
Individuals of this species left in the wild, which continue to face increasing threats

SCIENTIFIC NAME
Rhinopithecus strykeri

IUCN STATUS
Critically Endangered

BARRAGE OF THREATS
That the FFI raised fears over, including illegal logging, hunting, agriculture, infrastructure development and quarrying

DESIGNATED KEY BIODIVERSITY SITE
FFI has proposed one karst area be designated as a "key biodiversity site" that would be safe from the cement companies that are destroying other similar formations

INVOLVING LOCALS IN CONSERVATION
FFI said it was crucial to involve local communities in preservation efforts, especially as many people in the country were dependent on natural resources for survival

CARNIVOROUS SNAIL
A type of air-breathing land snail found in several localities in the northern part of Thailand and a couple of provinces in north and northwest Laos

SCIENTIFIC NAME
Perrottetia aquilonaris

IUCN STATUS
Not available

HIGH PLACES
The animals can be found in altitudes up to 200 metres above mean sea level in Thailand

SIZE OF SHELL
The width of the shell is 5.4–7.5 mm, while the height of the shell is 2.9–4.7 mm

Myanmar harbours biological riches that most countries can only dream of. Its remaining tracts of forest are home to some of the most spectacular wildlife in mainland Southeast Asia
Fauna and Flora International

100 New species found in the last 10 years, but before the FFI could celebrate, the Myanmar army seized power in a February 2021 coup

17 Species of freshwater mussels discovered

37 Different species of gecko living in isolated pockets of karst limestone habitat in eastern Myanmar—in many cases restricted to a single cave or hilltop—found

Fake faeces to save marine life?

Experiment wants to find out if artificial excretion can reboot ecosystems starved of nutrients

ENVIRONMENT

LONDON: An unusual scientific experiment by a group of international scientists hopes to restore vital nutrients in the ocean by using fake whale excrement. In a few weeks, the scientists plan to dust the surface of the Indian Ocean with artificial faeces.

The aim of the experiment is to determine if it is possible to use fake faeces to reboot marine ecosystems that have been starved of nutrients, and restore dwindling fish populations in the process. In the long run, it is hoped that the project will help against the climate crisis as well.

"Whales eat tiny crustaceans called krill, typically about 300 metres below sea level," said Sir David King, a former chief scientific adviser to the UK government and one of the project's leaders. He now heads the Centre for Climate Repair at Cambridge University.

"At that depth, the pressure of their backsides is so high they cannot poo. So they come to surface – to get air but also to relieve themselves. They then create a floating bed of excrement and, as sunlight falls on it, phytoplankton grows there and this provides food for fish," he added.

The reason this isn't happening naturally right now is because the planet's population of whales is only 5% of what it used to be 400 years ago. Therefore, the ocean has been starved of excreted nutrients from this endangered mammal that provided sustenance for fish.

Backed by a group of large marine laboratories, including the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts and the Institute of Maritime Studies in Goa, scientists are set to launch a key experiment to determine the feasibility of the marine biomass regeneration project.

"In Goa, there is a massive rice production factory whose main waste product is rice husks," said King. "This will form the basis of our artificial whale poo experiment, which will take place in the Arabian Sea. Baked and then mixed with nutrients, the husks will float on the ocean surface and we can then study [them] to see if phytoplankton will grow there and replace what whales used to provide."

King stressed that the initial experiment, which is set to be carried out next month, will be limited in size and will last only a few weeks, although he also stressed the potential benefits. "Apart from the fact that phytoplankton will provide food for fish, it will also absorb carbon dioxide, so there is a second potential gain that the project might provide for the planet." *THE GUARDIAN*

FACT OF THE MATTER

National park to protect glaciers

CLIMATE CHANGE

Chile said Saturday it is creating a vast national park to protect hundreds of glaciers that are melting due to climate change. The new National Glacier Park will cover 75,000 hectares of Andes mountain land about 60 kilometers (40 miles) from the capital Santiago, President Sebastian Pinera said at a ceremony announcing its creation. "We are managing to protect 368 glaciers," the president said. These masses of permanent ice hold 32 times more water than a reservoir that serves the capital city's seven million people, the president added. Pinera said establishing the park is "a fundamental step that our country is taking to combat the destruction of nature." It will also help preserve flora native to mountain terrain and animals likes pumas and foxes.

Lemur stolen from zoo dies

ANIMAL

Maki, a ring-tailed lemur who made headlines when he was stolen from the San Francisco Zoo & Gardens in 2020 and then found, has died at the age of 22, the zoo announced Friday. Maki died on Thursday after suffering from acute kidney disease and advanced age. He was among the zoo's oldest lemurs. The median life expectancy of a ring-tailed lemur is around 16 years. "The fact that Maki survived his ordeal to thrive among his group for [so long] is truly remarkable," said Tanya M Peterson, CEO and executive director of San Francisco Zoological Society. "Maki became a symbol of resilience and bravery, a fan favourite. His story increased awareness of endangered lemurs worldwide. We are heartbroken for this loss."

Starlink internet now in Ukraine

BROADBAND

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked SpaceX chief executive Elon Musk for giving Ukraine access to his company's satellite-internet system, called Starlink. 'I'm grateful to him for supporting Ukraine with words and deeds' Zelenskyy said in a tweet. 'Next week we will receive another batch.' Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko on Saturday showed off a shipment of the Starlink systems that had arrived in the capital city. He said Starlink would help secure the work of critical infrastructure and the defense of the city. Several large Ukrainian cities remained without internet or phone connection after being shelled by Russian troops.

Race to protect heritage at Ukraine's largest museum

ART

LVIV: The director of Ukraine's largest art museum walked its hallways, supervising as staff packed away its collections to protect their national heritage in case the Russian invasion advances west.

In one partially empty gallery of the Andrey Sheptytsky National Museum, employees placed carefully wrapped baroque pieces into cardboard boxes. A few meters away, a group walked down the majestic main staircase carrying a giant piece of sacred art, the 18th century Bohorodchany iconostasis.

'Sometimes the tears are coming because a lot of labour has been put in here. It takes time, energy. You are doing something good, you feel pleased. Today you see empty walls, so it feels bitter, sad. We didn't believe it till the last minute that this could happen,' museum General Director Ihor Kozhan said Friday.

The doors of the museum in the western city of Lviv have been closed since Russia's war on Ukraine began on February 24, and heritage sites across the country face danger as the fighting continues. Korzhan said he receives daily calls from other European cultural institutions offering to help as he and his staff race to preserve the museum's works.

Anna Naurobska, the head of the rare manuscripts and books department, said she still doesn't know where to safely store the collection of more than 12,000 items being packed into boxes.

The relocation process and the fear that the collection is in danger in the event of an attack on the city overwhelms her. 'This is our story; this is our life. It is very important to us,' Naurobska said.

She walked into another room and held up a massive tome, tears forming in her eyes. 'It's a Russian book," she said, putting it back on the shelf. "I'm so angry.'

Like the museum, other sites in Lviv are rushing to protect works of artistic or cultural importance. The display cabinets at the Museum of the History of Religion are almost empty. Workers are assembling metal containers in the patio to safely store the remaining items before placing them in basements. At the Latin Cathedral, the sculptures have been covered with cardboard, foam and plastic to protect them from possible shrapnel.

Amid the bare walls and shrouded statues, Kozhan lamented the empty museum, which has survived two world wars. 'Museum has to live. People have to be there, and first of all children. They have to learn the basics of their culture,' he said. *PTI*

WINTER IS LEAVING
Participants burn a straw-wood-and-cloth effigy representing Mother Winter in the centre of Bishkek as the part of celebration of Maslenitsa, a farewell to winter| AFP

Alaska's sled race begins

SLEDDING

ANCHORAGE: Fans, dogs and mushers returned in droves Saturday to downtown Anchorage in the midst of a snowstorm for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The ceremonial start was canceled last year due to the pandemic. This year, fans attending the 50th running of the race were limited in their interactions with participants but still were able to watch from behind fences as mushers left the starting line two minutes apart.

Mushers took a leisurely jaunt through Alaska's largest city, waving at fans that lined downtown streets. The competitive race for mushers and their dogs started Sunday in Willow, with the winner expected about nine days later in Nome. *AP*

SAVE THE SOIL

America is finally cleaning up its abandoned, leaking oil wells

POLLUTION

WASHINGTON: Bill Suan bought his family's cattle farm in the mountains of West Virginia a decade-and-a-half ago with little thought for the two gas wells drilled on the property -- but then they started leaking oil onto his fields and sickening his cows.

After taking the operator to court, Suan was successful in plugging one well, but the company has since disappeared, leaving him to contend with a small-scale environmental disaster that's a symptom of the larger problem of orphaned oil wells across the United States.

"It's shocking to think that it was like that for decades," Suan said.

From rural areas in the east where modern oil production began to cities in southern California, where pumpjacks loom not far from homes, the United States is pockmarked with perhaps millions of oil wells that are unsealed, haven't produced in decades, and sometimes do not have an identifiable owner.

The detritus of lax regulation and the petroleum industry's booms and busts, many

states have struggled to deal with these wells, which can leak oil and brine into water supplies as well as emit methane, a particularly potent greenhouse gas.

In a first, Washington is making a concerted effort to plug these wells through a $4.7 billion fund, passed as part of an expansive overhaul of the nation's infrastructure.

"The money available to the states (has) never been commensurate to the scale of the problem, and now for the first time it will be," said Adam Peltz, a senior attorney at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) nonprofit.

The funds will likely not be enough to solve the problem entirely, though, and environmentalists warn that the patchwork of state laws governing oil production include many loopholes that could allow companies to continue abandoning wells.

Since the first commercial barrel of oil was extracted in Pennsylvania in 1859, the United States has been at the center of global petroleum production.

But in many US states, it took more than a century to pass regulations governing record-keeping for wells and their sealing, or plugging. *AFP*

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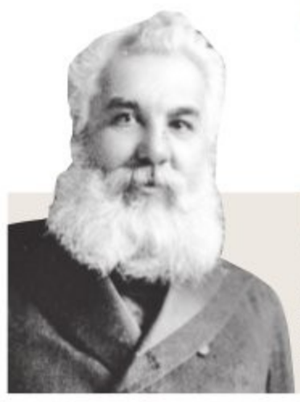

DAY'S DIARY

Telephone patent

On this day in 1876, scientist and inventor Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his invention of the first working telephone

BIG NUMBERS

Bell worked with Thomas Watson on the design and patent of the first practical telephone. Bell held 18 patents individually and 12 that he shared with collaborators

WORK IN PROGRESS

Despite the patent, Bell didn't have a fully functioning instrument. He continued to refine his instrument to make it suitable for public exhibition

PROS AND CONS

The Patent Office awarded Bell what is said to be one of the most-valuable patents in history. However, he faced more than 600 lawsuits over it

James to have 4,000 shows worldwide

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CITY READ

Deepika Padukone launches new saree brand

Actor Deepika Padukone launched a saree brand navyasa by Liva- a new-age fabric from the Aditya Birla Group. The first four stores were launched in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. The collection features ethereal prints and chic styles. Ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹15,000, The brand offers 17 collections in 5 different varieties of nature-based Liva fabrics.

Karnataka team wins blind cricket tournament

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, an NGO, organised the valedictory prize distribution ceremony of IndusInd Bank Women's National T20 Cricket Tournament for the Blind 2022 recently. The Karnataka team emerged as champions after defeating Odisha in the second edition of the Women's National T20 tournament.

At a time when there's unrest and unease in light of an ongoing war, Bollywood actor Salman Khan's art work series on 'Motherhood' – which is being displayed in *namma ooru* – revolves around hope

PEACE OF ART

1. Begging for Peace
2. Still in Hope of Compassion
3. Immortal Selfless in a Selfish World

EXPRESS FEATURES

IF you thought Salman Khan was only that muscular man beating up villains on the silver screen, there is another side to him. Sandeep & Gitanjali Maini Foundation, a foundation that supports art and cultural projects, in association with Being Human– The Salman Khan Foundation, is presenting Khan's artworks titled Motherhood – an artistic Ode to Mother Teresa at gallery g.

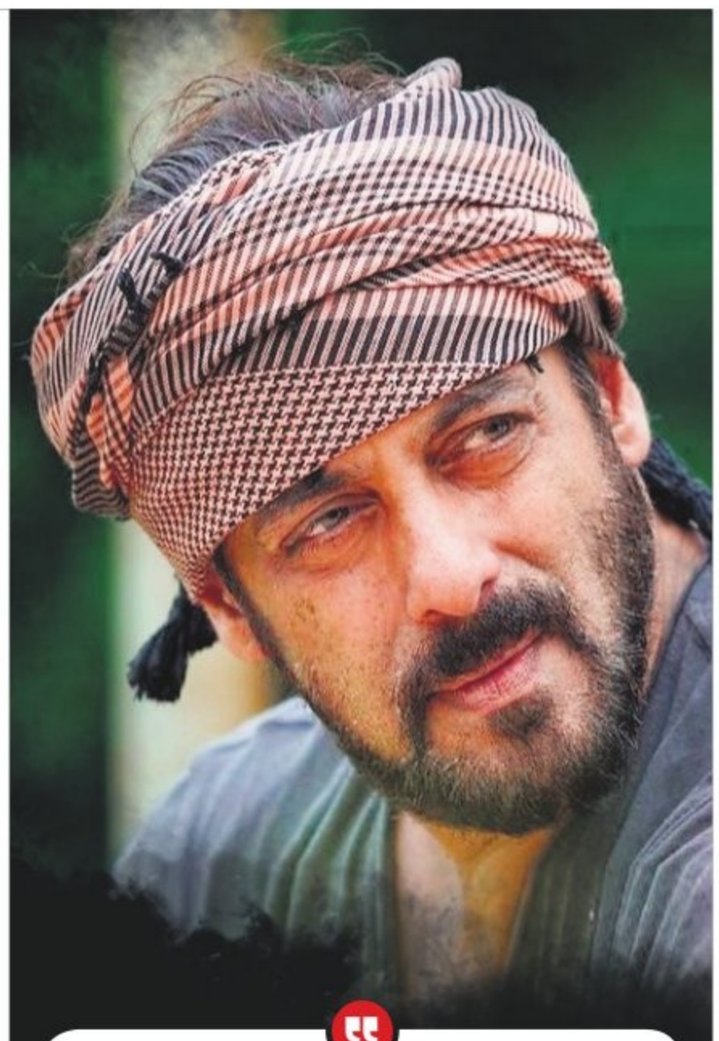
A total of three paintings by Khan will be displayed, including 'Still In Hope of Compassion', 'Begging for Peace' and 'Immortal Selfless in a Selfish World'. A huge admirer of Mother Teresa's humanitarian work, Khan describes the artworks as a symbol of hope and peace respectively . He describes 'Still In Hope of Compassion' as - "There are wars. There is loss. There are pandemics to deal with. But there is also Hope. And Mother Teresa tells us no matter what the odds, Hope will always win." On the other hand, he describes 'Begging for Peace' as - "Peace is not just an absence of conflict. Peace is the humility of two folded hands. The acknowledgment of our humanity. And the purpose of our life."

Khan, in fact, had presented his artwork 'Immortal Selfless in a Selfish World' in 2021 too and the response from Bengalureans was 'incredible'. "Which is why we are set for the second edition of displaying his two other works in the 'Motherhood' series," says Gitanjali Maini, director, gallery g. In addition, Khan is working on multiple life-size art works in the 'Motherhood' series. Eight are already complete and three are on display on the Google Art and Culture platform. "I like to express myself with films. With the stories that I tell. With the songs that I sing. With the dialogues that I deliver. And sometimes, I like expressing it with colour and a blank canvas," says Khan.

Maini adds, "Considering the nature of Salman Khan's art and keeping in mind the present scenario of war and unrest in the world, this is one of the most appropriate times to show works thematically based around 'peace'."

Dr Girija Kaimal, who is an art therapist who works with war veterans based in Philadelphia, USA, also responded to Khan's art work and called his style 'unconventional'. She observed that he has used accessories like chains, wood chips and plastic waste and other material to embellish and enhance his paintings.

(Salman Khan's artwork is now live on Google Art and Culture platform, and will be physically on display at gallery g, Lavelle Road, from March 11-20)



I like to express myself with films. With the stories that I tell. With the songs that I sing. With the dialogues that I deliver. And sometimes, I like expressing it with colour and a blank canvas

Salman Khan, actor

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

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The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a voucher worth ₹ 2,000 from The Studs Sportsbar and Grill.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Zoey's 2) NAVU Project 3) JustBe Resto Cafe

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Sandhya 2) R.Vani 3) Namratha Jagtap

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INSIDE

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

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ANILA KURIAN

Netflix's latest documentary *The Tinder Swindler* has got Bengalureans talking of their online dating experiences, including falling prey to catfishers and swindlers

DATE PLAN

EMMA (name changed upon request) was interacting with a match she met online. And just when things appeared to be going great, Emma got a call asking for a money transfer because the man was "stuck" with the airport security after purchasing something "really expensive" for her. In a state of panic, she got down to "help", only to realise that she was being scammed, manipulated and swindled by this man she was beginning to trust.

These stories aren't new. While Emma might have been lucky enough not to fall in the trap, many others aren't that fortunate — just like the women who speak out in Netflix's documentary *The Tinder Swindler*. Matchmaker and relationship coach Radhika Mohta finds some people to be hesitant to date now owing to bad experiences of being cheated, especially financially. She says, "These kinds of things happen because they are either too nice to the other person or too new to the world of online dating. They tend to become gullible and often fall prey to such predators to take advantage of them."

Another reason, she points out, is something called 'dating fatigue'. "With everything going online now, especially because of the pandemic, a person would have already spoken to a good number of people. There's fatigue of not finding anyone. Hence, as soon as a person slightly clicks with another, they rush into things and fall prey for some unfortunate circumstances," she explains. She shares an instance of a woman who was cheated by someone she met on a dating app. "The woman, in her 30s who seemed to be getting along well with this person she met online, later found out that he had moved out of the country. She realised that he was already married and had moved to another country to be with his wife," says Mohta, adding that none of his social media accounts indicated his marriage to another person.

While popular dating apps like Tinder have fraud-fighting features like blocking the contact, verification or reporting tools, the online space is not always the safest space out there. Abrar Basith, owner of a fintech enterprise and organiser of mixers for singles in the city, says that thorough screening in online setups is not as easy as doing it in person. "We've hosted about nine mixers so far, where singles can meet other singles and hopefully, have a meaningful relationship. We don't allow any repeats to attend the event," he explains, saying that this is a good way to get rid of the dating fatigue.

Radhika Bhat, an independent counselling psychologist, says, "Though not a widespread case, I hear enough stories of my clients being cheated via an online platform. People tend to forget when they meet someone interesting and get wrapped up in the idea of a partner based on the profile seen. It's a general challenge of online dating because you don't get to see their everyday elements, don't have enough avenues to understand what they actually do and analyse their overall behaviour."

Scams like these often happen because users are either too nice to the other person or too new to the world of online dating

Radhika Mohta, relationship coach

The general challenge of online dating is that you don't get to see the match's everyday elements

Radhika Bhat, counselling psychologist

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STRONG AND SASSY

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PAMPER YOURSELF

Celebrate International Women's Day at Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel. Every woman can enjoy a 1+1 on the buffet meals, indulge in delectable dishes and more. **When:** March 8, 12.30 pm onwards **Where:** LUSH, Renaissance Bengaluru Race Course Hotel

SING ALONG

Lahe Lahe hosts a Musical Jam every Wednesday where musical aficionados come, jam together and have formed a community of like minded musical souls. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

DIVAS DAY OUT

Motorsport.INC has organised a Women's Day car rally called Divas Day Out with Salud Beverages. The rally begins and ends at Kings Club Nagarbhavi followed by an award ceremony and a gala cocktail dinner. Dance the night away as DJ TT takes the stage post the dinner. **When:** March 8, 1.30 pm onwards **Where:** Kings Club, Nagarbhavi

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Live Concert

Dhvani Bhanushali, who broke the internet with songs like *Leja Re*, *Ishare Tere* and *Baby Girl* is on her first India tour. Catch her perform live at the SteppinOut by Dineout event at Hangover Brewery, Koramangala. **When:** March 12 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Dine like a Queen

Celebrate this special day with your gal pals and indulge in some sumptuous food, specially curated by Nidhi Nahata. Lunch at Justbe, on Women's Day, will be absolutely free for all ladies on pre-registration basis only. **When:** March 8, 12-4 pm For details, call, **95138404561**

BHARATANATYAM FOR KIDS

Is your child interested to learn a dance form? Join the live dance class taught up master faculty of Attakalari Connect and learn the basics of Bharatnatyam. **When:** March 10-25 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Holi Vibes

Carnatic vocalist Abhishek Raghuram will be performing at Ekatvam Holi Music Festival 2022. The funds raised here will be used to help provide a platform for musicians to perform. **When:** March 19 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Band-ing time

Multilingual band Peepal Tree will be performing at Windmills Craftworks. Their songs can be described as Indian melodies fused with funk grooves and undertones of electronica. **When:** March 18-19 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Money Matters

Join an investment planning workshop with financial expert Neeraj Mahajan. Curated for students, homemakers, retired persons, the sessions aim to introduce aspiring investors to the stock market, the do's and don'ts, how to pick winning stocks and much more. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Raise a toast

Head to The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru with your girl squad. From Maharashtrian batata chi bhaji to the coastal Malabar meen curry, the spread showcases dishes handpicked from across regions. A menu curated especially for the day, mocktails and rosé on arrival and a bar workshop by their head mixologist. **When:** March 8, 12.30 pm For details, contact: **74117824 56**

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SHANKHAPUSHPI DELIGHT

INGREDIENTS

- **Shankhapushpi flowers/ butterfly pea flowers:** 7-8
- **Sugar:** 1 cup
- **Cornflour:** 1/2 cup
- **Water:** 1 to 1/4th cup
- **Lemon juice** 1 tsp
- **Ghee:** 2-3 tbsp
- **Melon seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Chopped cashew nuts:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- In a bowl of hot water, add the freshly-washed Shankhapushpi flowers and allow it to rest for 10 minutes.
- In a bowl, add sugar and cornflour, mix well. Add the soaked and coloured water and beat well. Microwave for 1.5 minutes. Repeat the process once again.
- Remove the bowl and add melon seeds, chopped cashew nuts and heat for another minute.
- When the mixture is semi-thick, add lemon juice and heat in the microwave for 2 minutes.
- Grease a mould. Add ghee in the mixture, mix well. Now, place the mixture in the greased mould and let it cool for 2-3 hours.
- Cut and serve.

— Soniya Shetty, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

BANANASANA
(BANANA POSE)

This yin yoga pose is done in a supine position with the arms and legs moving sideways in a deep stretch. This stretching action creates a shape that resembles the alphabet 'C', compressing one side of the chest and abdomen, with the opposite side being stretched. Being an asymmetrical pose, it helps to reduce stiffness, tightness, heaviness in the lower back, thus making it good for back pain. The pose can be done by anyone and has several benefits. According to the yin yoga philosophy, one should hold the posture anywhere between one to ten minutes with focus on the breath.

STEPS

- Lie down on your back comfortably with chest open, legs out straight, arms clasped and stretched overhead, taking a few breaths.
- Now gently bend the upper portion of your body with clasped hands and the head between them, keeping your shoulders on the ground.
- With your legs tucked together, start walking them on the same side as your upper body, not rolling your hips, but perfectly parallel to the ground.
- As you inhale, breathe into the side and back of your rib cage, which encourages the ribs' mobility. This bend should be archival and parallel to the ground.
- Stay focused on the stretch and keep the body relaxed without using much pressure at the lower back, arms and side muscles.
- Exhale, release and stretch the arms, flatten them on the mat, relax the spine and take the legs back to the starting position.

BENEFITS

- The muscles of the shoulders, arms, hamstrings, gluteus, calves, chest, core (abdomen), and lower back are strengthened.
- Gives a range of motion to runners and sportsmen and improves breathing.
- Releases tension accumulated at the neck and shoulders.
- Improves digestion.
- It may help avoid inflammatory bowel disease, herniated disc or spondylitis.
- Helps senior learners feel relaxed and calm.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with issues of lower back, neck pain or neck injuries should be careful. Avoid rolling your hips; it must be parallel to the ground in side stretch.
- One may choose to place a bolster underneath the knees.
- Those suffering from severe sciatica should avoid this pose.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Educat ion & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

MTV's BEHIND THE MUSIC
The groundbreaking music documentary series returns with the best of the vault, updated and remastered for audio. Each episode profiles one of music's most influential icons from 50 Cent to AC/DC.
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David Smith, a healthcare economist, was raised in a Mormon town in Utah, where he lost his father, sister, and brother to the same terrible illness. He's devoted his career to figuring out if their deaths might have been avoided and how we can make everyone's health a priority. David and his guests, patients, medical experts, and others discuss the cost of care.
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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RANGITARANGA
Gautam, a novelist, and his wife, Indu, visit her ancestral house after she experiences repetitive nightmares. Subsequently, some unnatural occurrences unfold a mystery about Gautam's forgotten past.
- Cast: Nirup Bhandari, Radhika Narayan, Anup Bhandari

ANNA THANGI
Lakshmi's husband becomes a pauper and is sent to jail after his brothers cheat him. Lakshmi's life turns upside down when she becomes dependent on Shivanna, her brother.
- Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Kutty Radhika, Tennis Krishna, Sadhu Kokila

100
Sathya, a young policeman, curses his luck when he gets posted in a control room. However, his life takes an unusual turn after the 100th call he overhears.
- Cast: Atharvaa, Hansika Motwani, Yogi Babu, Divya Ajay Kumar

KANAKA
Kanaka meets Kanasu, a medical student, and falls in love with her. However, things get complicated when Kanaka's childhood crush, Sampige, shows up in his life.
- Cast: Duniya Vijay, Manvita Kamath, Haripriya, Sadhu Kokila

ARJUN
Police officer Arjun has strong moral values and lets criminals off with a warning. But he is in a fix when he learns that his father is paying petty criminals to help him catch big criminals.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Sanjjanaa Galrani, Meera Chopra

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 THE INGREDIENT IN ALMOST EVERYTHING YOU EAT
BY FRANCESCA BOT

Today, soy is in so many foods that people consume it every day without even knowing it. So, what makes soybeans so versatile? And is our global obsession healthy or harmful? Francesca Bot explores why this single plant is used in everything from mayonnaise to biodegradable plastic.

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BY YUVAL NOAH HARARI

Concerned about the war Ukraine? You're not alone. Historian Yuval Noah Harari provides important context on the Russian invasion, including Ukraine's long history of resistance, the spectre of nuclear war and his view of why, even if Putin wins all the military battles, he's already lost the war.

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BY JUAN ENRIQUEZ

Juan Enriquez challenges our definition of bioenergy. Oil, coal, gas and other hydrocarbons are not chemical but biological products, based on plant matter — and thus, growable. Enriquez thinks and writes about the profound changes that genomics and brain research will bring about in business, technology, politics and society.

4 DESIGNING OBJECTS THAT TELL STORIES
BY YVES BÉHAR

Designer Yves Béhar digs up his creative roots to discuss some of the iconic objects he's created. Then he turns to the witty, surprising, elegant objects he's working on now. Yves Béhar is a designer, entrepreneur and avid surfer whose principles for good design have been deeply influential.

5 ROBOTS WILL INVADE OUR LIVES
BY RODNEY BROOKS

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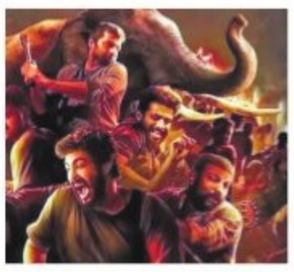
NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

JAN.E.MAN (Malayalam)
A young man plans his own birthday party to cure his sadness and loneliness, but an unexpected death threatens the festivities.
Cast: Basil Joseph, Ganapathi, Arjun Ashokan
- **Watch on:** Sun NXT



AJAGAJANTHARAM (Malayalam)
Lali, who supplies elephants for festivals, comes with an elephant for the first time in Aranjali. He is a bit uninhibited and carries on with a high ego.
Cast: Antony Varghese, Kichu Tellus, Arjun Ashokan
- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

GOLONDAAJ (Bengali)
During British rule in India, an Indian named Nagendra Prasad Sarbadhikari dared to play the sport of football and challenge the Brits to it.
Cast: Dev (Nagendra Prasad Sarbadhikari), Ishaa Saha, Alexx O'Nell
- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

BUNTY AUR BABLI 2 (Hindi)
Bunty and Babli are a pair of retired con artists. After a spate of robberies with their trademark sigil start appearing across India, the two are forced out of retirement to find out who has been copying them.
Cast: Siddhant Chaturvedi, Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukherjee, Sharvari Wagh
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SKYLAB (Telugu)
The story follows fictitious incidents in a Telangana village preceding the disintegration of the American space station Skylab in 1979. It traces the fear looming amid villagers in light of these developments.
Cast: Nithya Menen, Satyadev Kancharana, Rahul Ramakri
Watch: Sony LIV

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LOOOP LAPETA (Hindi)
When her boyfriend loses a mobster's cash, Savi races against the clock to save the day — if only she can break out of a curious cycle of dead ends.
Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Tahir Raj Bhasin, Shreya Dhanwanthary
- **Watch on:** Netflix

KAAVAL (Malayalam)
Years after falling out with his friend and co-castigator Antony, vigilante Thamban returns to his hometown to face lingering demons and make amends.
Cast: Suresh Gopi, Evan Anil, Kichu Tellus
- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE (English, series)
Harley Diaz, a young genius and the middle child of her family, uses her creativity and technical know-how to stand out from her six siblings and deal with her busy parents.
Cast: Jenna Ortega, Isaak Presley, Ariana Greenblatt
- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

WORST ROOMMATE EVER (English, series)
Roommates, with malevolent and sometimes violent intentions, turn the lives of their unsuspecting victims into real-life nightmares.
Cast: Dorothea Puente, KC Joy, Youssef Khater
- **Watch On:** Netflix

THE GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE (English)
When their seemingly fearless leaders self-destructs, troubled superheroes must confront evil in the world — and in themselves.
Cast: Sharni Vinson, Diamond Dallas Page, Denise Richards
- **Watch on:** Netflix

KILLING EVE (English, series)
Being recruited by an intelligence agency puts Eve in the direct path of Villanelle, an assassin. Though the mission is to kill her, the two women find themselves strangely drawn to each other.
Cast: Jodie Comer, Sandra Oh, Fiona Shaw
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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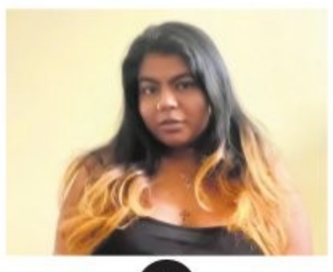
THINK BEFORE YOU INK

After a Reddit post about a Kerala tattoo artist misbehaving with a client went viral, women in the city open up about their experiences

ANILA KURIAN



When I went to get my tattoo done, I chose a private room. Before I undressed to get the work started, I glanced around and sighed in relief when I realised that there was a camera — that's when I felt safe

Trisha G, graphic designer

GRAPHIC designer Trisha G got a tattoo on her sternum area three weeks ago. It was the first time she was meeting the tattoo artist and was skeptical, like many women tend to be ahead of getting inked. But she did her research and got recommendations from friends who have worked with the artist previously.

"There's always a nagging worry when you have to go into a closed space, especially as a woman. When I went to get this particular tattoo done, I chose a private room. Before I undressed for the work to start, I glanced around and sighed in relief when I realised that there was a camera — that's when I felt safe," recalls Trisha, who has seven tattoos.

So why are women anxious when they go to a tattoo artist? Recently, news broke out about a Kerala tattoo artist who was accused of sexually abusing multiple women. There were two First Information Reports (FIR) filed against him after six women complained about inappropriate behaviour.

"Honestly, I was scared when I read the news. The woman's post sounded similar. My first thought was that I'm grateful to have not had a bad experience yet," says Trisha.

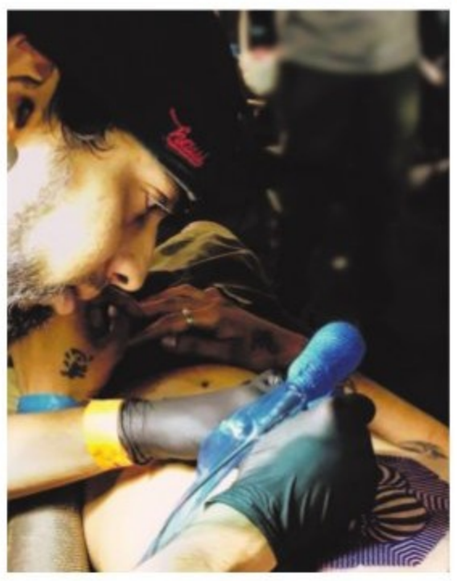
Karthik Bengre, founder of Sculp Tattoo Studio in Koramangala, points out that most women approach tattoo artists only if they have already worked with them before or know someone else who has. "It's a matter of safety and comfort. It's both the job of the artist and the client to be at ease through the process because there can be designs that are placed in explicit spots, and even a small movement of the hand can give the wrong idea," he explains, adding that he asks clients to wear comfortable clothing, and/or covers other parts with tissue.

Sarah Thomas (name changed for privacy reasons) recalls a time when she was uncomfortable during a session. "I was getting a tattoo on my back. I was uncomfortable at first but the tattoo artist kept asking if I was doing fine. That somehow gave me some assurance. Even a slight wind and you tend to think something else might be happening. I had to repeatedly tell the artist to stop for some time and then resume," she explains, adding that a session that was for two hours took an hour longer to ensure she was comfortable.

Bengre says that wireless tattoo tools now give more flexibility for artists to finish their work. "You can move around freely and sometimes even draw upside down but the tool gives you the flexibility to work better," he says, adding that more than women, most men are shy to undress for tattoos.

Tattoo artist Chirag Rao of Skin Deep Tattoo Studio in Indiranagar suggests bringing a friend along during appointments. "Not a crowd but always bring one person along with you. When you come in for a consultation, figure out which artist is the one you want to work with. Check reviews of the place, check for cameras, how long it might take and get to know about the people who work at the studio," he says.

Rao adds that the safety of the tattoo artist is also important during every appointment. "Very often, we've seen the client also misbehaving with the artist. We make sure that these situations are handled carefully. We also have a form that allows both clients and artists to complain within 30 days if some unforeseen incident has happened. With a functioning camera available, it also gives us the assurance that there's proof if needed," he says.



(Top) Karthik Bengre; (below) Chirag Rao

COMIC RELIEF

Falal Faisal, creator of Musalman Comics, has come up with his latest digital strip on the hijab issue

MONIKA MONALISA

AT a time when there is a lot of debate around religious topics, illustrator Falal Faisal is looking at serious and sensitive subjects through a light-hearted lens. Faisal, who is popularly known as the creator of *Musalman Comics*, has come up with his latest digital series on the hijab issue. His latest strip is called Begum Badass and looks at how the hijab row could possibly end.

"The point of my comics is to give a voice to those who do not get called on by news channels. Those who are liberal, can actually joke about themselves and their religion, never get heard," says Faisal, who never intends to be preachy through his strip. "I was trying to make sense of the world around me. And I felt there were other people who were also thinking along the lines as I was," says the 29-year-old.However, he agrees that his work also receives a lot of criticism. "It's a very thin line. You can't please everybody. Sure, there will be criticism. That's expected when you are doing something like this," he adds.

Falal Faisal and (below) comic characters Musalman and Begum Badass

Faisal had also created an Indian superhero, Musalman, a fighter of social injustice, which has been quite popular. From filmmaking to working on YouTube channels, Faisal has tried out various mediums of comics. "I have done stand-up for 7-8 years, then I wanted to be a filmmaker. But for the kind of stories I want to tell, I don't have the budget. Comics were like a compromise between telling the story in a grand way without spending too much money. If I could, it would have been a film," says Faisal, adding that his true push for getting into comic writing came when he watched the movie *American Splendor*. "It's about an American writer called Harvey Pekar. He is a clerk in the hospital but writes underground comics. That got me thinking that if he could write comics, then what was stopping me," says Faisal.

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I, **CHUNNCHESH KUMAR.D,** S/o Devaraju M.D, aged 35 years, R/at No.#20, 9th B Main, Byraveshwaranagara,Nagarabhavi Main Road, Moodalapalya, Bangalore-560072, I hereby declare that have changed my name from "**CHUNCHESH M.D**" to "**CHUNNCHESH KUMAR .D**", vide affidavit dated 04.03.2022, sworn to before **H.R. Karunakara,** Advocate & Notary, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANAK** R/at No.195/H, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, 1st Stage, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Kalyan nagar, Bangalore- 560043 have changed my name to **SANAK VISHNU PANDIT** vide affidavit dated: 5/3/2022 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANNAYYA. H,** S/o Honnappa, aged about 28 years, presently residing at 2nd floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Udayanagar Main Road, Bangalore 560016 and a permanent resident of Basvanabyana, Shimoga, Karnataka-577425. I have changed my name From **"ANNAYYA.H" to "ARJUN.H"** for all purposes, vide affidavit Dated: **05/03/2022** before Notary **A.IDINABBA,** Advocate Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **X J THOMAS SURAJ** S/o. Late A X Shantharaju, Residing at No. 2/1-1, Kondappa Garden, Jeevanahalli, Coxtown, near Muneshwara Temple, Bangalore - 560 005, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **X J THOMAS SURAJ** to **TARUN SURAJ S** henceforth I shall be known as **TARUN SURAJ S** for all purposes. Vide affidavit dated 03.03.2022 sworn to before Ramachandrappa C., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. RICHA ADITYA SAXENA,** W/o. Aditya Saxena, Resident of Flat No. D R R Residency No. 261, Panduranga Nagar, Near Adarsh Rhythm, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076, hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **ARYAN ADITYA SAXENA** to **KRISHNA ADITYA SAXENA.** Vide affidavit dated 05.03.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAHUL HAMEED BAIG,** S/o Late Aleem Hafizulla Baig, Resident of No. 13/1, Marshal Barrack, Dickenson Road, Bangalore-560 042, changed my mother name from **AMANU BEGUM** to **SUNIMA BEGUM,** vide affidavit dated 5th March 2022, before Notary **S. Samuel Solomon** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mr. SUNNY JAIN,** age 32 years, S/o Sokindal Jain, R/at No. 2/1, Pride Pavilion Apartments, A-102, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **ANAYA SUNNY JAIN** to **ANAYA JAIN**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **ANAYA JAIN** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PUSPAVATAMMA, Dependent Of C Maheswara Reddy Resident of H No-6/72, B Thandrapadu Village, Kutnool District, Andhra Pradesh-518007, have changed my name from **PUSPAVATAMMA** to **CHITTE PUSHPAVATHI** vide affidavit Dated 05 Mar 22 Before Mayohall MG Road, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Pallavi. K C/o V. Mayura, previously called Pallavi Mayur residing at #124, 463/593, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Sri Gandhada Kavalu, Chandrashekar Layout, Bengaluru North, Bangalore-560091, Karnataka, India, I state that my present name is **Pallavi Mayur** to **Pallavi K** and henceforth my name shall be known as **pallavi K (New name)** for all purposes. Sworn before me **Jayappa A.** Advocate & Notary Public Govt. of India, Bengaluru-560 019, **Dated 03.03.2022**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAYATHRI PANAMBUR,** Aged 42 years, W/o Sri. Shailendra Kumar, residing at SNN Raj Lakeview Phase-II, C.101, N.S.Palya, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South-560076. I hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **"KUMAR NISHITH SHAILENDRA"** to **"NISHITH SHAILENDRA"** for all purpose. vide affidavit Dated: 05/03/2022 before Notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA,** Advocate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AARUSHI R SHANKARAN**, D/o. S Ravi Shankara, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 111, Lake View Garden, Near Lake, K Channasandra, Horamavu Post, Bangalore - 560 043, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MONICA RAVI SHANKAR** to **AARUSHI R SHANKARAN** vide affidavit dated 4.3.2022 sworn to before T.V. Chandra Shekara Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. RICHA ADITYA SAXENA,** W/o. Aditya Saxena, Resident of Flat No. D R R Residency No. 261, Panduranga Nagar, Near Adarsh Rhythm, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 076, hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **ANGEL ADITYA SAXENA** to **AARYA ADITYA SAXENA.** Vide affidavit dated 05.03.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No. **14491044M,** Rank: **NK(GNR) retired,** Name: **RAJU .C,** resident of No. 104, LIG-4, Block-03, KHB Suryanagar, Chandapura, Anekal, Bangalore-560 099 have changed the name of my daughter from **MEENA** to **MEENA .R,** through affidavit sworn before Notary **Muneer Ahmed** at Bangalore on **04-03-2022**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SIRISHA PONNAGANTI,** W/o P. Somasekhar, age 35 years, R/at No. 60, Prime Harmony, Flat No. 101, 9th Main, 3rd Cross, NIT L/o, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-97 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LOKANADHAM SIREESHA** to **SIRISHA PONNAGANTI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SIRISHA PONNAGANTI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SUBHAJ KUMAR PATANAIK, S/o. Bhakta Charan Pattanaik, residing at No. S-103, Innovative Natura, Vinayaka Layout, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUBHAJ KUMAR PATANAIK** to **(NEW NAME) SUBHAJ KUMAR PATTANAIK** vide affidavit Dated 18/02/2022 sworn before Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AMRENDRA KUMAR NIRALA, resident of Vill-Hajipur, Post-Jhunathi, Tehsil-Karpi, Dist-Arwal (Bihar) PIN-804426, have changed my Daughter's name from **SHREYA** to **SHREYA KUMARI** vide affidavit Dated 04/03/2022 before Notary Mayohall Court Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAYYAD BALEEQ PASHA ABDUL QAYYUM, residing at No.35, Ankappa Block, M.R. Palya, J.C.Nagar, Bangalore -560006, have changed my name to **SAYYED BALEEQ PASHA** Vide affidavit dated 04-03-2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Sivakumara .M.N, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANIL RAJ P**, Son of Late Paulraj P.C., aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 24, Chowrappa Layout, St. Thomas Town Post, Kammanahalli, Bangalore - 560 084, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANIL AROKIARAJ P** to **ANIL RAJ P** vide affidavit dated 04.03.2022 sworn to before T.D. Madhuri, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. SANDHYA S JAIN**, W/o. Suryakanth J Jain, resident of No. 16, Old No. 25, 7th Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011, hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **DEEPIKA JAIN** to **DEEPIKA S JAIN (DEEPIKA SURYAKANTH JAIN)** vide affidavit dated 05.03.2022 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KALAIARASI W/o Army No. JC310551K Rank: Sub Maj. VADIVEL .K,** is legally wedded spouse of presently residing at **CICE, MEG & Centre, BANGALORE-560 042** have changed my name **KALAIARASI** to **KALAIYARASI .V,** through affidavit sworn before Notary **Muneer Ahmed** at Bangalore on **04-03-2022**

AFFIDAVIT

I, **BINNY SRAMPICAL ROCKY,** S/o. Late Rocky Chacko, Aged about 44 years, residing at No. 101, Nandagokula Apartments, Building No. 26, 2nd Floor, Lower Palace Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru - 560 003, hereby submit that my late father's correct name and my surname is **SRAMPICAL CHACKO ROCKY** but in my passport the name of my late father's is mentioned as **SCRAMPICAL CHOCKO ROCKY** instead of **SRAMPICAL CHACKO ROCKY.** Vide affidavit dated 05.03.2022 sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SASMITA KUMARI PATNAIK, W/o. Subhaj Kumar Pattanaik, residing at No. S-103, Innovative Natura, Vinayaka Layout, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SASMITA KUMARI PATNAIK** to **(NEW NAME) SASMITA PATTANAIK** and My correct Date of Birth is 24/07/1963 vide affidavit Dated 18/02/2022 sworn before Court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. LAXMI SRIDHARA d/o **B.N. Ramachandra,** Spouse of WG CDR S.N. Sridhara (16737T) (Retd) R/o #496, Srivarshini, 1st Main, Ag's Layout, Arehally Post, Bengaluru-560061,have Changed my name from **B.R. ANANTHA LAKSHMI** to **LAXMI SRIDHARA** and my date of Birth 24.10.1964 (twenty fourth october ninteen sixty four) vide offidavit dated 11.02.2022 before notary C.N. Chandrashekar at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUNDARVEL SUBRAMANI S/o. Subramani Reddy , aged about 44 years, residing at No.49/1, 1st Floor, 4th Main Road, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021. have changed my name as **SUNDERVELU SUBRAMANI S/o. Subramani Reddy,** vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2022, sworn before Advocate & Notary B. Prasanna Bangalore and hereafter, I shall be called and known as **SUNDERVELU SUBRAMANI S/o. Subramani Reddy.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHRISHAIL .C. TALUKAR**, S/o. Sri. Chandrahas .G. Talukar, Aged about 24 years, presently residing at No. 4, Venkateswara Nilayam, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Kuppuswamy Garden, Cholanayakanahalli, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560 032, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHRISHAIL .C** to **SHRISHAIL .C. TALUKAR** vide affidavit dated 05.03.2022 sworn to before Manohar Jeerige, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Leela Mudiyam,** age 66 years, W/o Dr. Ram Mudiyam, R/at 19366, Woodlands Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, do hereby declare that subsequent to my marriage, I have changed my name from **B.C. LEELAVATHI** to **LEELA MUDIYAM,** vide affidavit dated 2-3-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Chandrashekaraiah .S** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **No. 2602001L, Ex-NK- Name : MOHAN DAS .M,** R/at NO.216, DINNOOR COLONY, KADUGODI PLANTATION, KADUGODI POST, BANGALORE-560067, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Son from **YUNAY SAI MOHAN** (Old Name) to **IYANSH YUNAY SAI MOHAN** (New Name), henceforth my Son shall be known and called as **IYANSH YUNAY SAI MOHAN** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 05/03/2022 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME

We, C.KANAGA (Mother) and NAGARAJ (Father) R/o No.19,2nd Cross, kullappa lane, nanja reddy colony, murugesh palya,vimanapura, Bengaluru-17, do hereby solemnly affirm declare and affirm as under on behalf of our minor daughter name to change from MOUNITHA to DEEPTHAA.N For all purposes, vide affidavit Dt. 14-08-2021 sworn before notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed. Blr.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Prathibha Hullekere Prasad W/o.Sudhakara Hebbalu Rudrappa, R/at No.85/5, 14th Cross, 20th Main, Vangalahalli, HSR Layout 1st Sector, Bengaluru-560102, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **'PRATHIBHA SUDHAKARA'** to **'PRATHIBHA HULLEKERE PRASAD'**, Vide affidavit dated 04.03.2022, Sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAVDA SARIN,** previously called **NAVDA,** Aged about 32 years, W/o Basu Srivastava, residing at: T1, Flat No.204, Shriram Chirping Woods, 12th Main, Shubh Enclave, Harlur Road, Bangalore-560102. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'NAVDA' to "NAVDA SARIN"** vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2022, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. Mani, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Srinivasan R**, S/o. Late Ramaswamy, aged about 40 years, Residing at Villa No. 86, Godrej Gold County, Chikkabidarakallu, Tumkur Road, Near Parle G Factory, Bengaluru - 560 073, hereby declare that my daughter's original name is **SAMHITHA S.** but my daughter's birth certificate her name is wrongly entered as **SAMHITHA** vide affidavit dated 5.3.2022 sworn to before K.C. Gowthami, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUCHISMITA DAS,** W/o Aashish Anand, R/at No. 1704, Purva Palm Beach, Elus Road, Hanumanthappa Layout, Kyalasanahalli, Bangalore, Bangalore North-560077, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUCHISMITA SARKAR** to **SUCHISMITA DAS,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUCHISMITA DAS** only, vide affidavit dated 4th day of March 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. Sharadha** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **No. 2602001L, Ex-NK- Name : MOHAN DAS .M,** R/at NO.216, DINNOOR COLONY, KADUGODI PLANTATION, KADUGODI POST, BANGALORE-560067, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **YASHMITA MOHAN** (Old Name) to **INIYA YASHMITA MOHAN** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **INIYA YASHMITA MOHAN** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 05/03/2022 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** at BENGALURU.

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Puneeth Rajkumar

Puneeth Rajkumar's *James* to have over 4,000 shows worldwide on March 17

A SHARADHAA

THE censor board has given Puneeth Rajkumar's *James* a U/A certificate with no cuts. The commercial entertainer is set to hit the screens worldwide on March 17. Going by the theatre list, James, directed by Chethan Kumar, and backed by Kishore Pathikonda, will have a huge opening.

The team is expecting to have over 4,000 shows across the globe on day 1 of the film's release, which will be in five languages. As for Karnataka, *James* will be screened in more than 400 theatres.

The release will be a frenzy considering it is the last commercial film starring the late actor, and the fans and the Rajkumar family are leaving no stone unturned to make it a memorable one. Theatres across Karnataka are planning to give a tribute to Puneeth Rajkumar by screening only *James* for a week.

The biggest cutout (81 feet) will be placed at the Majestic Theatre for the release. Fan clubs across the state are planning to go the full length by giving milk abhishekams, lighting camphors, breaking coconuts, and processions. Fans plan to put up huge cutouts of Puneeth Rajkumar along with the cutouts of his parents, legendary actor Dr. Rajkumar and Dr Parvathamma Rajkumar, at Veerabhadreshwara theatre where an early morning show is arranged for only celebrities. "Seat No.17 of row A will be vacant because that seat will be meant for Appu Sir," says a member of the fan club, who has a sentiment that their favourite Superstar will also be watching James along with them. There will also be 31 cuts outs of 30 feet each put up at Veeresh Theatre.

Fans are planning to have a flower shower on every cut out of Puneeth Rajkumar across Karnataka, especially at Veerabhadreshwara, Veeresh, Prasanna, Navarang, Santhosh, Nartaki, Triveni theatres, and in various theatres at Shivamogga, Hosapete, and Davangere. There is also a flower shower at Puneeth Rajkumar's memorial. Fans are also planning to serve snacks and food to cine-goers, who are coming to theatres to watch James. They are also arranging ambulances and caravans for guests at a couple of theatres. "The entire cost, which is going up to lakhs, will be borne by various fans associations across Karnataka, and not even a 1 rupee is taken from the producer," says a member of a fan association.

'Dear Sathya has two climaxes'

...says actor-writer Aryan Santhosh, who speaks to *CE* ahead of the film's release on March 10. The film, directed by Shiva Ganesh, is an action-thriller with a double climax and reverse screenplay

CE FEATURES

ARYAN Santhosh, who has spent 10 years in the industry, and came to limelight with his reality shows like *Bigg Boss*, and *Pyate Hudugir Halli Life*, *Dear Sathya*, is ready for his second film as a full-fledged hero. The film will release on March 10. According to Aryan, there are more than a couple of USPs in *Dear Sathya*. He has also penned the script, which is based on a true incident.

"The incident occurred right opposite Chennai High Court, Parrys Corner, and the script was first pitched to director Vetrimaran. Though the script was initially written in Tamil, it eventually became a Kannada film," says Aryan. He has teamed up with director Shiva Ganesh, who made his Kannada debut with the remake of Jigarthanda. The hero of *Dear Sathya* has two different shades – *Dear* and *Sathya*. The subject also explores mother-son bonding and the hero's dream to open a restaurant in Japan and the romantic relationship between Sathya and Anjali. "Dear is the lover side, and Sathya is the revenge side of this film," explains Aryan.

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> Aryan Santhosh

Secondly, this is one of the rare films, which has a double climax. "As far as I know, the last film, which had double climax was director-actor Shankar Nag's Accident," says Aryan, who also adds the film's other exclusive is the reverse screenplay. These are some of the USPs of *Dear Sathya*.

"When I heard the incident that happened on Mount Road, I connected the incident with others that happened across India including the Nirbhaya case. The film underlines the importance of safety. The screenplay is the cornerstone of the film," he adds. The cinematography is handled by Vinod Bharathi and music is by Sridhar Sambhram. Dear Sathya, produced by Purple Rock Entertainers in association with Winterbridge Studios, has Archana Kottige and Ashwini Rao Pallaki in pivotal roles.

Aryan Santhosh

Aryan Santhosh and Dear Sathya team are dedicating the first-day first show of his upcoming film to the food delivery executives. The makers have arranged a premier show at Prasanna theatre," says Aryan. "The protagonist is a food delivery boy. So, any food delivery boy can walk into Prasanna theatre and watch the show along with the celebrities," he says.

VIKRANT SHOOTING WITH SARA ALI KHAN FOR *GASLIGHT*

CE FEATURES

VIKRANT Massey recently appeared in *Love Hostel*, about an inter-faith couple on the run from their families and a vengeful mercenary. A week since the film's release, Vikrant has started shooting for his next. A source close to the actor reveals, "Vikrant is shooting for his next film *Gaslight* with Sara Ali Khan in Rajkot (Gujarat). Both of them are having a lot of fun at the shoot and are going to be stationed there for a few weeks." *Gaslight* is directed by Pawan Kriplani (Bhoot Police). Vikrant's upcoming films are Forensic and Mumbaikar. He recently married his longtime partner Sheetal Thakur.

Vikrant Massey

Sara Ali Khan

Angelina Jolie to direct *Without Blood*

CE FEATURES

IT has been announced that Angelina Jolie will be directing *Without Blood*, an adaptation of Alessandro Baricco's bestselling novel by the same name. The film will mark Jolie's return to direction after the 2017 historical thriller, First They Killed My Father. Jolie will also be producing *Without Blood*.

According to reports, the film is the first in a three-year international agreement between Jolie and the production company, Fremantle. She is also expected to direct, produce and act in more projects from the production house.

Without Blood will tell the story of a girl who survives a massacre at her farmhouse when one of the attackers spares her – a decision which haunts him his whole life.

Angelina Jolie

Alessandro Nivola to play villain in *Kraven the Hunter*

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Alessandro Nivola has been cast as a villain in the upcoming Marvel film *Kraven the Hunter*.

Nivola joins a previously announced slate of actors including, Aaron Taylor-Johnson (who will play the titular character), Fred Hechinger (Chameleon), Ariana DeBose (Calypso), and Russell Crowe. Details about Nivola's role is currently kept under wraps.

Written by Art Marcum, Matt Holloway, and Richard Wenk, the film is set to be directed by JC Chandor.

Akshay Kumar to guest on *India's Ultimate Warrior*

CE FEATURES

DISCOVERY Network has announced *India's Ultimate Warrior*, their new non-fiction reality series. Hosted by Vidyut Jammwal, the show will pit 16 contenders across diverse professions (athlete, police, swimmer, marketeer etc) in physical and competitive challenges.

The contestants will be mentored by veterans of combat disciplines. Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar will feature in a special episode of the show.

On being the 'Dojo master' for the show, Vidyut Jammwal said, "To put the students through a certain set of obstacles which needed mental strength to be able to perform the physical feats was the idea behind the show when I first began training. With a one-of-a-kind concept, combined with well-researched, expansive challenges, ranging from Kalaripayattu, to Krav Maga, the show promises a unique visual offering unseen and unheard before in the reality genre in India."

Akshay Kumar

Akshay shared, "I was 9 when I started practicing martial arts and I owe everything I am today to this art form. When Discovery+ reached out to me to be a part of *India's Ultimate Warrior* revolving around combat disciplines as a guest, I was instantly intrigued by the same. *India's Ultimate Warrior* is a standout in the reality genre for its intent and authenticity and I am sure, the series shall open to positive audience reactions."

The episode featuring Akshay drops on March 11.

Sanya Malhotra

Sanya Malhotra to play a cop in dramedy *Kathal*

CE FEATURES

NETFLIX today announced its next film, *Kathal*, starring Sanya Malhotra and Anant Joshi. Set in a small-town, the woman-led dramedy revolves around a local politician whose prized jackfruits (kathals) go missing and a young police officer – Mahima, played by Sanya – who is adamant to solve this bizarre case. Kathal is the directorial debut of Yashowardhan Mishra, who has co-written it with Ashok Mishra. The film went on floors today.

Producer, Guneet Monga, CEO Sikhya Entertainment, shares, "At Sikhya Entertainment we strive to always produce unique, entertaining and heart warming content that stands out. We are absolutely thrilled to embark on another exciting journey with Sanya Malhotra and none better than with our partners, Balaji & Netflix.